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### Hancock Little League Girls Softball tryouts

Hancock County Little League Girls Fastpitch Softball will hold tryouts at Lakeshore Field on Saturday April 5 as follows: 5-8 year olds at 10am; 9-12 year olds at noon; 13- 16 and 17-18 year olds at 2:30pm. The league will accept player applications until draft time. After draft day players can still register, but will be entered in the 'player pool' and placed on teams as space becomes available. If you are interested in volunteering to help, or in sponsoring a team, call Herb at 467-1291.

### Fibromyalgia Support group meets Monday

The Hancock County Fibromyalgia Support group meets from 7-8 p.m. on the last Monday of each month in the Seals Meeting Room at the Bay St. Louis Library. Meetings usually include guest speakers on such topics as nutrition, therapy, etc.

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Sun. 2:01 a. 1:24 p.



## Greetings from Kuwait



Above: Dr. David Romine in the Kuwaiti desert. Above left: The American flag flies proudly over what the troops affectionately call "the circus tent." Below: Bromine performs a medical exam.

### A letter home from a lonely serviceman stationed in Kuwait

BY DR. DAVID BROMINE

Major, Aviation Medicine

Dear nice folks of Bay St. Louis,

It's about 0600 here in the desert and I awake thinking of you all. Funny how, when deprived of the usual comforts taken for granted by most of us, our minds change; we dream of and long for those times in our lives where we have been at ease and in peaceful sur-

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## Robbery suspect jailed on \$1M bond

*New Orleans man drops pants, money, in alleged Diamondhead attempt*

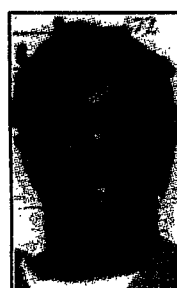
BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Publisher Emeritus

A New Orleans resident is being held in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility on a \$1 million bond as a suspect in the Friday robbery of the Diamondhead Chevron Station at Diamondhead and Interstate 10, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Garber said, "We received a call at 7:30 a.m. about the robbery. While on my way

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Gregory King

## Hancock, La. officers nab 3 in 'crime ring'

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Publisher Emeritus

A three-day joint investigation by Hancock County and St. Tammany Parish officers has resulted in the arrest of three suspects in connection with St. Tammany burglaries, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Investigator John Luther, who has been working with St. Tammany Sheriff's

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## HMC personnel get small pox vaccinations

Vaccine not yet available to the public

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER

Staff Writer

Hancock Medical personnel began the first phase of a voluntary Small Pox immunization program on Thursday morning. Hospital Administrator Hal Leftwich, FACHE, received the first vaccination given by Health Department District 9 Surveillance nurse Dorothy Redmond, RN. For now immu-

nizations are on a strictly voluntary basis, said Leftwich.

Public immunizations are not yet available, said Redmond, but even one confirmed case of small pox would be enough to spur widespread immunization. If such a step became necessary, the entire county could be immunized within three to five days,

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Hancock Medical Center Administrator Hal Leftwich, FACHE, received the first vaccination in a voluntary immunization program for medical personnel on Thursday. Health Department Surveillance Nurse Dorothy Redmond, RN, administered the vaccinations.

Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter

## Bay High Mural



Margaret Lewallen, a senior at Bay High School, speaks to a small crowd assembled in U.S. history teacher Robert Molpus' classroom on March 26. She and the rest of Girl Scout Troop 327 of Gulf Pines Council painted the mural depicting the spirit of the school, community and country. The troop dedicated the mural to Bay High and to the U.S. military. The mural was sponsored by the Gulf Coast Firefighting Consultants.

Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

## Bay Firefighters attend high rise classes

### National Fire Academy teaches Incident Command for High Rise Operations class at Casino Magic, Bay St. Louis

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis provided the classroom space for members of the Bay St. Louis Fire Department to attend an Incident Command for High Rise Operations class taught by National Fire Academy Field Instructor John Bass March 17 and 18.

District Chief Bass, also a member of the Jackson Fire Department covered all aspects of fire fighting in multi-story buildings from the view of the fireground commanders.

Twelve Bay St. Louis firefighters, three lieutenants, three captains, training officer and deputy chief attended this class. Representatives from the Diamondhead and Long Beach Fire Departments were also present.

Students were made aware of the types of hazards they would face in a large structure fire. The

curriculum also included high-rise building construction, heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems, strategy and tactics, organizational approach and building systems.

Casino Magic representative Corlus Nance provided a two-hour guided tour of Casino Magic 15 story Bay Towers for situation analysis and decision development for the students. "The partnership with Casino Magic in this training exercise was invaluable," said training officer Mike Willimitus.

Buildings of three or more stories are included in the definition of high-rise buildings by the National Fire Academy. Bay St. Louis has six buildings in this category including the two Casino Magic hotels, St. Stanislaus, Masonic Temple, Note Dame de la Mar and Hancock Medical Center. Except for the

Masonic Temple all of these buildings with the addition of the other schools, apartment complexes, churches and hotels in the city are also considered high occupancy and specialized training has been conducted to insure the departments expertise in handling fire incidents as they may occur in these buildings.

"Each year these high-rise and high occupancy buildings are inspected by the department. In most cases we also schedule training classes on site," said Fire Chief Robert Gavagnie. "Hancock Medical Center is aggressive in protection of its patients, staff and property. With any change in the hospital's physical plant or plant organization our department is notified and firefighter walking tours are conducted."

"In the event of a high rise fire emergency Bay St.

Louis would call the Diamondhead or Long Beach Fire Departments for assistance.

Both Departments have 75 aerial trucks and with our mutual aid agreement we would not hesitate to ask for their help if needed. We were very happy that they chose to send representatives to attend this rarely scheduled training session," said Mayor Eddie Favre.

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Current licenses expire April 30, 2003. Annual recreational and commercial licenses are valid from May 1 to April 20 of the following year except for recreational saltwater sportfishing licenses, which expire June 30, 2003.

Resident and non-resident licenses may be purchased at the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Ave., Suite 101 in Biloxi, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mississippi residents only may also purchase licenses at LaFrance Fishing Camp, 3200 Ansley Road, Bay St. Louis, 228-467-0794.

For more information, contact DMR Licensing at 228-374-5022, ext. 5013 or ext. 5100.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with the environmental concerns and social changes.

For more information, visit the DMR online at [www.dmr.state.ms.us](http://www.dmr.state.ms.us).

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## Arrest Record

**Editor's note:** The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from March 21 to March 28. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

### ECHO STAFF REPORT

- Marquis S. Williams, 26, contempt of court (failure to appear)
- Angela Holland, 38, parole violation
- Mary A. Harris, 47, DUI, leaving scene accident
- Larry J. House, 30, public drunk
- Christopher E. Knox, 42, DUI, no proof of insurance
- Patrick Blankenship, 40, parole violation, (warrant)
- Frank Venezia, 25, contempt of court (failure to appear), possession of controlled substance with intent, (warrant)
- Prather Fitch, 41, wanted person (hold for Elayn Hunt Correctional Facility)
- Mary Dillon, 37, public drunk
- Yancy Blackburn, 22, burglary, (warrant)
- Kevin A. Cagle, 24, simple assault (domestic), public intoxication
- Shawn L. Anderson, 28, contempt of court (failure to pay), (warrant)
- Sandra Pavolini, 39, simple assault (domestic)
- Kenneth Page Jr., 32, simple assault (domestic)
- Bettina C. Bendzlowicz, 41, simple assault (domestic)
- John A. Rhode, 46, simple assault (domestic)
- Ronald Joseph Camus, 29, domestic dispute (simple)

- Roman D. Rodarte, 26, leaving scene of accident, simple possession of paraphernalia, DUI (1st)
- Timothy B. Garcia, 20, contempt of court (failure to appear), (warrant)
- Jeremy Callahan, 29, contempt of court, (warrant)
- Gwenda T. Necaise, 44, disturbance of family (domestic), resisting arrest, simple assault
- Jefferson C. Reynolds, 37, suspended driver's license, DUI (2nd)
- Stefanie J. Norman, 19, simple assault (domestic)
- Bobby W. Jackson, 22, DUI (1st), simple assault (domestic)
- Clyde A. Harvey, 42, careless driving, suspended driver's license, inspection sticker violation, DUI (1st)
- Bradley O. McKay, 27, contempt of court, (warrant)
- Tammy S. Walker, 26, one count felony bad checks, contempt of court (failure to appear), (warrant)
- Carl V. Larosa, 46, public drunk
- Frankine May, 39, no proof insurance, possession of controlled substance
- Donald B. Pace, 59, DUI (1st)
- Patrick Blankenship, 40, contempt of court, (warrant)
- Melton Lewis, 35, possession of paraphernalia
- Don Michael Brown, 36, possession of paraphernalia, sale of controlled substance, (hold for Pass Christian Police Department)
- Marby Joseph Penton, 37, false report of crime
- Rick T. Lewis, 26, simple assault (domestic), parole violation
- Billie F. Lyons, 66, false pretense

- David J. Bourgeois, 47, public drunk
- David Sproles, 40, ERS violation, felony DUI
- Phillip Causey, 27, profanity in public place
- Shannon J. Bermond, 28, simple assault (domestic)
- David C. Van Benthayson, 43, driving while driver's license suspended
- Debra Ann Pique, 50, DUI (1st), reckless driving, improper tag, leaving scene of accident
- Earth J. Roberson, 24, disorderly conduct, simple assault
- Derandra Lyons, 22, disorderly conduct
- Tommy Doyle Webb, 30, possession of controlled substance without prescription
- Troy Galarza, 35, suspended driver's license, implied consent
- Ricky Coles, 49, contempt of court (failure to appear)
- Steven Allen Newell, 20, contempt of court (failure to appear)
- Colin J. Celino, 41, contempt of court, possession of stolen property, hold for St. Tammany Parish
- Robert L. Wilkerson, 28, simple assault (domestic)
- David W. Eubank, 41, motor vehicle taking
- Brian K. Hughes, 30, possession of stolen property, hold for St. Tammany Parish
- Rodney A. Hingle, 36, possession of stolen property, uttering counterfeit instrument, hold for St. Tammany Parish
- James A. Scott Jr., 27, DUI (1st), speeding
- Christopher D. Rangel, 29, driving while driver's license suspended

## Bay mayor seeks 50 Cook-Off teams for cancer fund raiser

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

The red beans are soaking, the secret ingredients and recipes are being dusted off, as Hancock County prepares for the annual American Cancer Society's Red Beans & Rice Cook-Off scheduled for Monday, April 28.

Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre is this year's general chairman, with co-chair Fire Chief Robert Gavagnie.

"The city of Bay St. Louis with Favre as head chef have been frequent winners in the competition. The feeling of some is they will have an opportunity of winning and award this year with Favre as the general chairman this year."

At a meeting Wednesday evening, Favre said, "Last year we had 31 entries and our goal this year is to have over 50 competitors."

"This fun-filled fund raiser to benefit the American Cancer Society has outgrown the Hancock County Civic Center and we have made arrangements to have the event at Casino Magic. This will give us more room for the competitors, as well as the hundreds from the community who come in to enjoy a good old fashioned meal and at the same time benefit a wonderful cause," Favre added.

Favre continued, "Our big need now is to have competitors, we will have the space at Casino Magic, so we will need previous competitors as well as new ones."

At a recent meeting, David Mayley, chairman of the Cancer Society's Relay for Life attended. The Relay for Life will be held the same week, on Friday, May 2, at the Walking Track in front of Hancock Medical Center."

Favre and Mayley agreed to help support each other in their respective benefits, and they had suggested maybe they could use the slogan of, "Fill up on beans for lunch on Monday and

walk them off on Friday night."

The Cook-Off will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Casino Magic's facilities, Favre said, adding, "The general public sure can help too by their participation. They can eat all the red beans and rice they want for only \$6 each. Also they can vote for in each category for the whom they think are the best bean cookers."

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A push this year will be for the addition of a family category in the competition, to go along with the government, organizations, businesses and restaurants. There have been several families who have already inquired Favre said Wednesday.

There will be additional awards this year Favre said. There will be judges awards in each category, in addition to Peoples Choice awards in each category, also an overall award by the Judges and Peoples Choice.

Once again there will be an award for the Best Corn Bread, Showmanship and the Camellia Bean Award for the most unique beans.

Persons interested in helping in anyway can call Barbara Redding at 467-9092, or Sandra Hoda, 467-

4425. Camellia red beans will be supplied by their distributor, while participants supply their "secret" ingredients.

Favre said, "We are now ready to start receiving teams of competitors. We can also use any type of donations, such as cash, etc. This is a very important fund raiser for the Cancer Society and can use the help from everyone. Just give Barbara a call at 467-9092, or Sandra, 467-4425

Favre reported Waveland Market Center and Diamondhead Supermarket will once again supply bread pudding and slaw for the event.

There will also be a silent auction this year with Marilyn Finch, Whitney Bank's Waveland branch manager chairing. Anyone interested in donating an item, or items for the silent auction can contact her at 467-6578.

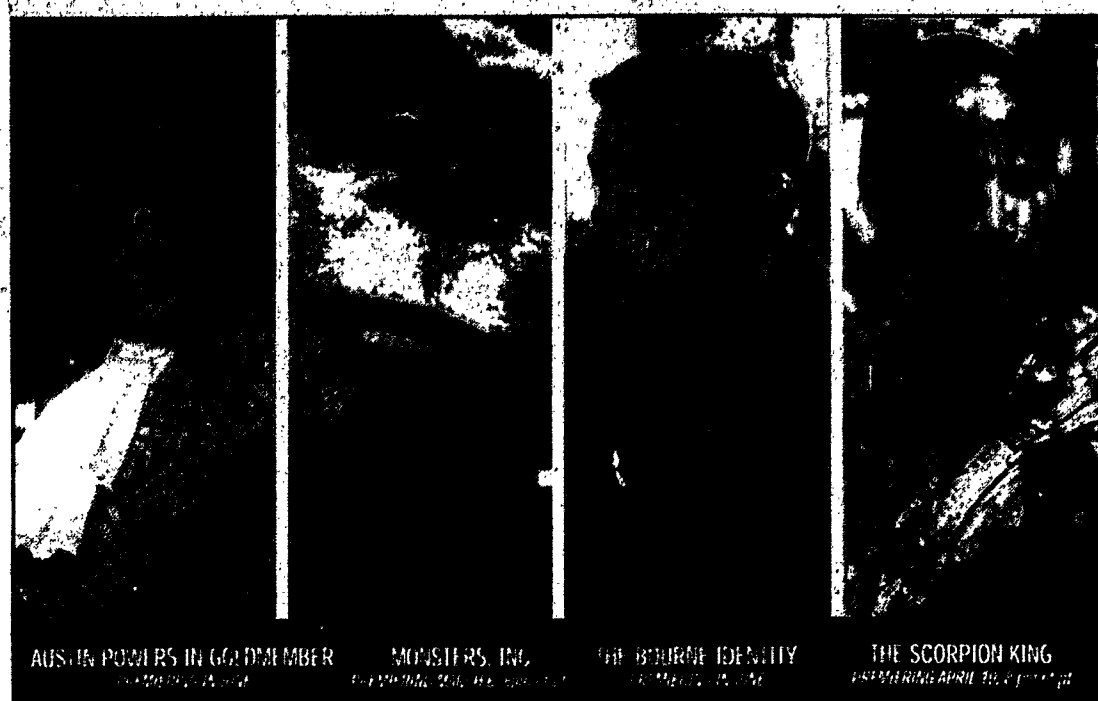
Margaret Hadden, who selects the judges, reported thus far for the Bean Cook-Off include, Rear Admiral Thomas Donaldson, USN; District Attorney Cono Corona; Mrs. Leo Seal, Jr.; and Prima Plaque, Hancock County Library executive director. Hadden also has several other volunteers who will help the judges.

Judges for the corn bread will be Darlene Underwood, Betsy Ashman and Ellis C. Cuevas

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) members will be on hand to assist at the event in selling, taking tickets, etc.

Jimmie Ladner, Jr. had served the two previous years as general chair, he followed Tim Kellar, who also served two years.

Among the original organizers of the first few cook-offs were Janet McQueen, Anne Schmidt Andry, Basil Kennedy and Chuck Breath. McQueen and Andry were chairman for several years.



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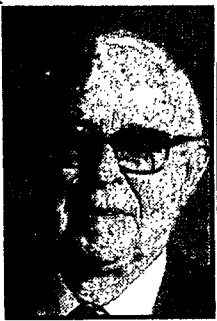
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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

### Thanks Stennis

A long awaited arrival has been completed at the Stennis International Airport in Hancock County. This is the completion of the installation of the Instrument Landing System (ILS).

Our Port and Harbor Commission members, director, airport director and local officials have been working for many years in securing ILS for the local airport.

The ILS enables Stennis to become an all-weather airport, meaning pilots can land using instruments in all types of weather.

Port and Harbor officials have been working with the Federal Aviation Administration for nine years in securing ILS. The total cost of the system is over \$2 million.

The system became active at 3 a.m., March 20, and it is ironic the first plane to use the ILS in landing was local pilot Tony Trapani of the Civil Air Patrol with passengers Dave McDonald, Port and Harbor Commission president; Hal Walters, Port and Harbor director; and Bill Cotter, Stennis Airport manager.

The addition of ILS to Stennis Airport should really help in the area's economic development.

I know all Port and Harbor officials are very elated in having ILS at its airport, as the system is usually only at larger facilities.

It was good Wednesday morning to attend the Regional Coffee Call held at Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis.

This was the first meeting I have ever attended

that involved so many folks from Hancock, Pearl River and Harrison counties in addition to St. Tammany Parish to hear about the impact of the Stennis Space Center to the area.

There were some 300 in attendance from the four counties and one parish and Casino Magic's Bay Towers Hotel's Cypress Cove Ballroom just added to the event.

There is no question of the impact Stennis has on the immediate area.

During 2002 the impact was reported to be \$559 million within a 50-mile radius of the facility.

Stennis Space Center Director Bill Parsons commented on the future of Stennis; and Admiral Thomas Q. Donaldson, V. commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, discussed Navy activity at Stennis; and Dr. Charles Campbell, professor of economics, Mississippi State University, revealed the new economic impact data from Stennis.

Of the 4,626 employees at Stennis, 1,015 live in Hancock County, while 1,264 reside in Pearl River County, 990 live in St. Tammany Parish, 866 reside in Harrison County.

Dr. Campbell estimated the area employment of 32,990 jobs would be lost without Stennis.

Stennis Space Center in Hancock County means a tremendous amount to the area's economic development.

A lot of things are happening at Stennis and we all need to support NASA, the Navy, and the many other agencies making it a most unique facility.

## Prayer, Perseverance, Patience

Speaking on television after the terrible events of 9/11 retired General Norman Schwartzkopf said the terrorists' conscious and indiscriminate killing of innocent men, women and children that day showed the difference between them and us.

He is right - and the fight in Iraq is proving that the Iraqi regime is in fact a terrorist organization. As our troops march, the world is seeing overwhelming evidence that Saddam's Iraq is a criminal



### From the Senate

By U.S. Sen. Trent Lott

network that kills its own people - its women, its children and even its own soldiers. It is a regime that knows no morality, tolerates no freedom and seeks no justice. It is a regime that we must take down as part of our ongoing War on Terror which began after 9/11.

However, this task is clearly not easy, and it will require prayer, perseverance and patience for a long time.

Prayer: Right now I ask Mississippians of all faiths to pray for all our coalition

forces and the Iraqi people as they engage in an intense but noble battle against what is nothing but sheer evil. America, Britain, Australia, Spain, Poland, Bulgaria and a host of about 40 nations have the courage and the wherewithal to recognize a problem and call Saddam's bluff.

Despite what the so-called "world" may say, from a moral perspective most Americans are confident that the decision to topple Saddam is the right one.

However, we must be prepared to sustain more losses. Please pray for the families of those fighting, and our prisoners of war. Pray especially for those who have lost loved ones, like the

family of Marine Second Lt. Therrel Shane

Childers, an outstanding and brave Mississippian who was killed in combat last week. Pray for leaders around the world, especially President Bush. I know him, and I know that he takes ordering our troops into battle very seriously. He is a God-fearing man who wants and needs our prayers at this time.

Perseverance: In the waning days of the first Gulf War 12 years ago, Saddam had been ejected from Kuwait. His forces were on the run. Iraqi people in the south and north were revolting against Saddam.

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## IN CONGRESS

By Representative Gene Taylor

## Marine honored from South Miss.

This spring the United States Navy Ship (USNS) Lance Cpl. Roy M. Wheat will be deployed to the Western Pacific.

This new ship in the Maritime Prepositioning Force will carry an expeditionary airfield, Navy construction battalion equipment, a 500-bed Navy fleet hospital, and seven pieces of Navy lighterage so that the ship can be off-loaded offshore.

Though the mission and purpose of every ship defending the safety of America is important, this particular Navy vessel bears a special significance for South Mississippi.

In September of 1966 a young American named Roy M. Wheat from Jones County, Mississippi enlisted

in the United States Marine Corps. The next and last year of his life is the stuff of legends and heroes. After his training he was assigned as a rifleman with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division in Vietnam.

Over the next few months he suffered wounds to his head and thigh on separate occasions and received the Purple Heart. He returned to combat and was promoted to Lance Corporal. Roy was placed in charge of a team that helped U.S. troops move safely through the difficult jungle terrain by moving ahead to locate booby traps.

On August 8, 1967 Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps, Roy M. Wheat threw himself on a triggered mine, sacrificing his own life, but

saving two other Marines. He was 20 years old. Wheat had already proven his devotion and bravery having returned to combat after two separate injuries and earning the Purple Heart.

Still, his final act was to put the lives of his fellow Marines above his own. As a new generation of Americans go to war, this awesome story reminds us of the sacrifices that are being made for the sake of our freedom and the creation of a better world.

The legacy of Roy Wheat lives on in South Mississippi. He has already been honored in several ways here at home and now I am proud to say the United States Navy has named one of its ships in the Maritime Prepositioning Force after this brave

Marine. Like its namesake, the USNS Lance Cpl. Roy M. Wheat will help prepare the way for larger forces of American men and women as they work to make freedom a reality for the oppressed people of the world.

In today's high speed military this ship will serve to have Marine Corps equipment and supplies prepositioned in areas of the world where U.S. military and humanitarian assistance is most likely to be needed.

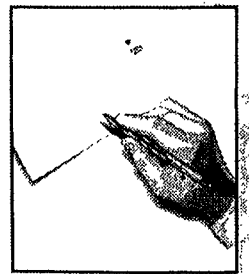
The mission of the USNS Lance Cpl. Roy M. Wheat is vital to the security of our own freedom as we seek to eliminate terrorism. It will also help in the effort to rid the world of cruel and oppressive governments

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## Letters to the Editor

### Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.





## DMR seeks shrimp industry input on disbursement of disaster relief fund

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Shrimp and Crab Bureau is seeking input from members of the shrimping industry relative to the Congressional Fisheries Disaster Relief program. Congress has authorized these funds to aid the shrimping industry, which has been hard hit by declining prices and increasing operating costs.

Funds will be allotted to states based on the volume of shrimp produced by each state. Mississippi's portion of the \$17.5 million for the Gulf of Mexico states is estimated to be approximately \$1 million.

Two percent of funds received by each state shall be retained by the state for distribution of additional payments to fishermen with

a demonstrated record of compliance with Turtle Excluder Device (TED) and Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD) regulation.

The remainder of the funds may be used only for:

- Personal assistance with priority given to food, energy needs, housing assistance, transportation fuel, and other urgent needs;
- Assistance for small businesses including fishermen, fish processors, and related businesses serving the fishing industry;
- Domestic product marketing and seafood promotion;
- State seafood testing programs;
- Development of limited entry programs for the fishery;
- Funding or other incentives to ensure widespread

and proper use of turtle excluder devices and bycatch reduction devices in the fishery; and

• Voluntary capacity reduction programs for shrimp fisheries under limited access.

The DMR Shrimp and Crab Bureau will hold three public information gathering sessions, regarding the relief fund for shrimping, one in each of the three coastal counties, to seek input on how to equitably get that money to Mississippi's shrimping industry. The meetings will be held as follows:

- Monday, April 7, 2003 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of the Bolton State Office Building at 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi;
- Tuesday, April 8, 2003 at 6 p.m. at the Hancock

County Courthouse at 150 Main St., Bay St. Louis; and

• Wednesday, April 9, 2003 at 6 p.m. at the Gautier Convention Center, Library Lane, Gautier.

For more information, contact Mike Brainard, Traci Floyd or Bill Richardson at the DMR at (228) 374-5000.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes.

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## H.C. Republican Committee to meet April 10

The Hancock County Republican Executive Committee held its March meeting at the Kiln Library.

Republican candidates for the August primary attended. Hinds County Election Commissioner Marilyn Avery was the group's guest and speaker. She told them of the assistance they can expect from the State Executive Committee in their upcoming bid for office, and in addition presented information vital to a campaign from the view of an election commissioner. A multimedia presentation by the county committee informed the candidates how the local committee will assist them.

Seventeen people have qualified for election as

Republicans in Hancock County's August Primary for the positions of Circuit Clerk, Tax Collector, Supervisor, Superintendent of Schools, Justice Court Judge and Constable. Six people have qualified for legislative positions in August, including four for the new House of Representatives District 96, one for District 93, and one for Mississippi Senate District 46.

"The total of 23 people qualified as Republicans for the August primaries in Hancock County, and the executive committee is delighted to have them represent the party," said Faith Koger, chairman of the Hancock County Republican Party. "This is a record number of Republican candi-

dates, who believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for them to be the most effective, responsible and responsive government officials in our county.

"This means government that is closest, and most responsive to the people it serves. This is the Republican creed. We believe in the powers of individual freedom and responsibility, not the power of self-serving government like those running the state and national Democratic Parties."

The next regular meeting of the Hancock County Republican Committee will be at the Bay-Waveland Library, Thursday, April 10. Anyone interested in attending should contact

Koger at 228-255-9884.

Guest speaker will be Amanda McPhaél O'Keef, field representative with the Haley Barbour campaign.

## Lott

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The world thought Saddam's days were numbered. Yet, we looked to the United Nations for guidance, which only gave sanction to drive Saddam from Kuwait, and not to topple his government.

We then underestimated the lows to which he would sink in order to retain power. Vigorous rebellions against him were crushed by Saddam's henchmen with extreme brutality.

Those Iraqis who had resolved to fight for freedom were not helped by the victorious coalition forces. It was a decision made within the context of those times.

In retrospect it was clearly the wrong decision, and free-loving nations around the world, including the UN itself, all share a bit of blame. This time we must be tougher. We will not repeat that mistake. We must stom-

ach the losses and remain focused on removing Saddam Hussein from power for good.

Patience Right now our military is engaging the enemy while minimizing civilian casualties. This is challenging, but consistent with the traditions of our nation and military.

This precision is being done on behalf of the Iraqi people, who by and large want to get rid of Saddam, but they are afraid. Like you I am outraged at the pictures of mistreated American prisoners in Baghdad.

However, unlike Saddam's marauding barbarians, our forces are professionals. They will not sink to Saddam's level. I hope some folks around the world and even in our own country take careful note of the professionalism of American, British and other coalition forces.

These men and women are indeed liberators, fighting for a safer, less violent world. The world for which our troops fight is a far cry from the environment that Saddam's terrorists would have us live within.

As coalition forces advance slowly but surely, it is clear that Saddam Hussein's days of running his own terrorist state are numbered. As General Schwartzkopf said, there is indeed a very big difference between them and us, and I am sure our troops and our leaders will welcome your prayers, perseverance and patience in the difficult days ahead.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn: Press Office)

## Taylor

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that inhibit the freedom of people all over the world. As Lance Cpl. Roy M. Wheat was an American committed to his country and fellow Marines, so will now this ship have the same commitment to service while bearing his name and carrying on his memory.

The Marines this ship will support will be assisted by the ingenuity of a great American Naval vessel and the spirit of a great American.

I am proud to represent the District that was home to Roy Wheat. The values he learned as a child here in South Mississippi were the foundation for the decisions he made as a young man. His

loss was a tragedy for all who knew him. His sacrifice is the greatest a marine can make. Wheat is the only Medal of Honor recipient from Mississippi during the Vietnam War. He also received The Navy Commendation Medal, Purple Heart with one Gold Star, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, Vietnam Military Merit Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

To learn more about this American hero from Jones County and the U.S. Navy

ship named in his honor you can go to any online search engine and search for 'Roy M. Wheat.' Sites you will find include: www.geocities.com/Heartland/Meadows/4555/RoyM.Wheat.htm, www.Virtualwall.org, www.msc.navy.mil, and www.pr.usm.edu. The McCain Library at USM in Hattiesburg has biographical information in their Roy M. Wheat Collection.

I invite anyone who may be interested to explore these outlets. Valor is not uncommon in American history, but the story of Roy Wheat is truly exceptional.

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## Riding mower recovered

**BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS**  
**Publisher Emeritus**  
 A riding lawn mower was recovered and a juvenile detained for Youth Count in connection with its theft, Sheriff Steve Garber reports.

"We received a tip as to where the mower was possibly located at a Bayside residence," Investigator Andre Fizer said.

Assisting in the recovery of the mower was Deputy Jason Chandler.

"The relatively new riding mower was reported stolen by a Bayside resident and upon my investigation, a Bayside juvenile resident was apprehended and turned over to youth court," Fizer stated.

## Public Notices

### CAP LOAN PROGRAM

The Board of Supervisors, acting for and on behalf of Hancock County, Mississippi (the "County") took up for consideration the matter of authorizing and approving a loan on behalf of the County from the Mississippi Development Authority (the "MDA") for the purpose of completing capital improvements identified as:

Construction of a building to house a technology company at the Stennis International Airport.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Governing Body of the County does hereby declare its intention to enter into a loan agreement with the Department in the principal amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the purpose of completing the capital improvements identified above.

Section 2. The Loan will be secured by a Note executed and delivered by the County MDA. Failure of the County to meet its repayment obligations shall result in the forfeiture of sales tax allocation or homestead exemption reimbursement in an amount sufficient to repay obligations due until such time as the indebtedness has been discharged or arrangements to discharge such indebtedness satisfactory to MDA have been made.

Section 3. The Governing Body proposes to authorize and approve the Loan from MDA in the amount and for the stated purposes at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held at the County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 7th day of April, 2003, or at some meeting held subsequent thereto. This date assigned to authorize and approve the aforementioned loan documents has been set to meet program requirements which mandate that four public notices be issued prior to loan closing. This will allow sufficient time for public comments.

Whereupon it was moved by Supervisor Steve Seymour, seconded by Supervisor Lynnie Ladner, that the foregoing resolution be adopted. The motion having received the following vote of the Governing Body, the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, on this 3rd day of March, 2003.

Rodrick Pullman, President  
 Hancock County Board of Supervisors  
 Hancock County, Mississippi

YEAS: Lynnie Ladner  
 Rodrick Pullman  
 Lisa Coward  
 Steve Seymour  
 Jay Cuevas

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)  
 Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk  
 03/09/03/16; 03/23; 03/30/03

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Harrison County Sand Beach Authority has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, along the I-110 Loop on U. S. Highway 90, Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi.

The applicant is requesting permission to construct a pedestrian pathway and pier 1,360 feet in total length. Approximately 880 feet of the pathway will be a pile supported pier over water. The structure will be 10 feet in width and 7 feet above mean high tide in height. The combined square footage of the structure is 13,600 square feet. The proposed project is located along the south side of the I-110 Loop on U. S. Highway 90, Biloxi.

In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341), as amended by PL 95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Bolton Building, located at 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, Mississippi 39530. Written comments will be accepted by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Ave., Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530, and the Office of Pollution Control at P.O. Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39289-0385, until 5:00 p.m. April 7, 2003.

03/30/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT  
 OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
 HANCOCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
 HUMAN SERVICES BY ZADIE ROGERS,  
 SOCIAL SERVICES REGIONAL DIRECTOR,  
 AND D.B. AND D.B. MINORS,  
 BY AND THROUGH NEXT FRIEND  
 ZADIE ROGERS PETITIONERS  
 VS.  
 CHARISMA RUDOLPH  
 WILLIAM BUCKHALTER RESPONDENT  
 CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 2002-130  
 CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS

TO: William Buckhalter, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office address is not known to the Petitioners after diligent inquiry made by said Petitioners.

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Hancock County Department of Human Services by Zadie Rogers, Social Services Regional Director, and D.B. and D.B. minors, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minors and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minors be placed with the Hancock County Department of Human Services. YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:30 O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2003, IN THE COURTROOM OF THE HARRISON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT IN GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGEMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANSWER OR OTHER PLEADING, BUT YOU MAY DO SO IF YOU DESIRE.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, THIS 10 DAY OF MARCH, 2003.  
 (Seal)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK  
 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
 BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39520  
 BY: Larnell Scarborough  
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## Five generations

Mrs. Edith Dantagnan, seated right, holds Rachael Gerstenberger, her great-great-granddaughter at a recent five generation family gathering. Mrs. Dantagnan, a longtime resident and Real Estate Broker, of Bay St. Louis, recently celebrated her 99th birthday. Others in photo is standing from left, great-grandmother, Edie Piazza; and mother, Mona Gerstenberger; and seated at left, grandmother, Michelle Spicher.

## Lagasse announces for new judge seat

James A. (Jay) Lagasse, III, has announced his candidacy for Justice Court Judge Place Two in the August 5, Democratic primary.

Lagasse, 56 has been a resident of Hancock County for 48 years. He is a St. Stanislaus graduate and attended Pearl River Community College, Jeff Davis Jr. College and is classified as a senior at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Lagasse retired from Bell South Telecommunication after 32 years and worked in several positions including electronic technician.

He is a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America-Gulf Coast Council and serves as a Community Service chairman for Hancock and Pearl River Counties. He served as president, vice-president, treasurer and area representative.

Lagasse is retired from the Mississippi National Guard after 23 years where he served as secretary-treasurer of the Bay St. Louis Chapter of the NCO Association.

Lagasse's community involvement includes, past chairman of the Hancock Chapter of the March of Dimes, Loan Executive for the 1992 United Way of South Mississippi campaign, chairman of the Relay for Life of the American Cancer Association, charter member of American Legion Post

77 and has worked special projects with Students Against Drunk Driving.

Lagasse has been a member of the Waveland Civic Association for 36 years, serving as president, vice-president and 1986 Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's celebration.

He has served the past seven years on the Pearl River Community College Foundation, is a board member of the PRCC Alumni Association of Hancock, member of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce ten years and past executive committee member, member of Hancock Kiwanis Club and is a past president, president elect and Community Service chairman, and is also active member of the Hancock Retired Senior Volunteer Program as an active volunteer for the Waveland Municipal court as a deputy court clerk for two years.

Lagasse's honors include Community Achievement

## PRCC's River Extravaganza 5:30 today

Fifteen restaurants from South Mississippi provide a grand smorgasbord for Pearl River Community College's 2003 16th annual River Extravaganza today at 5 p.m. An auction is scheduled for 7 p.m. and the concert performance at 8:15.

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to Diamondhead, I called several area businesses to ask them to be on the lookout for a suspect in a white shirt with a Mardi Gras design and jeans. A few minutes later an area business called to report the suspected subject was using a pay telephone.

"Deputies and investigators at the scene responded to the reported location. Gregory King, 43, of New Orleans was apprehended and determined to be the robbery suspect wanted. Judge Tommy Carver set a \$1 million bond on King," Garber added.

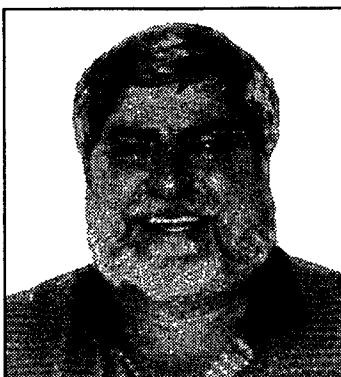
Garber continued, "A second suspect, who happened to have been at the station at the same time was apprehended by deputies on Interstate 10. That subject an investigation revealed had nothing to do with the robbery and was released."

According to Chief

Investigator Bob Lambert, who also responded to the scene, the investigation thus far has revealed that King had walked into the station, went behind the counter into a back room and grabbed a hand full of money which was being counted by a manager and fled. The female manager followed the suspect and told him to return the money and he dropped it along with a second pair of pants he was wearing and fled the area.

In addition to Garber and Lambert, Investigators Kenny Hurt and Andre Fizer, Deputies Lt. Abrey Liebig, Thalys Ladner, Tina Ladner, and Tim Airhart in addition to state Troopers Shelby Smith and Joel Wallace also responded to the robbery.

Hurt is heading up the robbery investigation, Garber reported.



JAMES A. LAGASSE, III

Award from Bay St. Louis, Chamber of Commerce Service Award, Award of Appreciation from the Family Support Group 1355th National Guard Unit for family assistance during Desert Storm.

He is married to the former Jo Ann Witter and they are the parents of two children, Mickey and Tonya Lagasse and Brian and Julie Sellier and have one granddaughter, Lauren-Anne Lagasse.

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## FISCAL BUDGET

### Hancock County Solid Waste Authority

Description	BUDGET
REVENUES	2003- 2004
Annual Fees	July - June
Bay St. Louis	\$ 228,301.00
City of Waveland	\$ 189,959.00
Diamondhead	\$ -
Grants	\$ -
Hancock County	\$ 684,132.00
Hancock County Millage	\$ 911,600.00
Interest	\$ -
Plan Amendment Reimbursement	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,013,992.00

### EXPENDITURES

Administrative Salaries	\$ -
Administrator	\$ 6,000.00
Advertising	\$ 2,000.00
Attorney / Legal	\$ 10,000.00
Audit	\$ 7,500.00
Engineer	\$ 10,000.00
Garbage Collection	\$ 1,102,392.00
Garbage Disposal	\$ 436,000.00
Grants	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 11,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00
Plan Amendments	\$ -
Recycling Bins	\$ 5,000.00
Recycling Collection	\$ 128,000.00
Rubbish Collection	\$ 134,000.00
Rubbish Landfill (MS Pump)	\$ 160,000.00
Seminars / Travel	\$ 2,000.00
Total	\$ 2,013,992.00
Budget Deficit	\$ -

## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Homestead exemption applications will be taken from January 2, 2003 through April 1, 2003. These applications must be filed in the Bay St. Louis office of the Hancock County Tax Assessor between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm.

You must be living in your home on or before January 1, 2003 to qualify for homestead exemption. The property must be your primary residence in order to qualify.

The following information is needed to file your application.

- Warranty deed
- Cost of property
- Down payment amount
- License plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County. (All vehicles owned must be registered in Hancock county)
- If you are over 65 proof of age
- If you are receiving 100% disability benefits proof of your disability.
- Is any part of the property rented?

You must re-file your homestead exemption application if

- You became 65 on or before January 1, 2003.
- You became 100% disabled on or before January 1, 2003.
- You acquired a new residence.
- You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead.
- Your marital status changed (divorced, windowed, separated etc.)

If you have any questions please call 228-467-4425 or 888-409-6651

Jimmie Ladner Jr.  
 Tax Assessor / Collector  
 Hancock County

## Letter

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## Letter -- memories of home

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roundings. Traveling around this desert, devoid of water and vegetation as it is, always with armed escorts and wearing Keylar and a 9mm, while often exciting and exotic, does little to maintain the body at rest. Nonetheless, the desert morning is clear, cool and still -- something it has not been for the last few days, as we've been engulfed in a doozy of a sand storm.

What a treat it would be to paint you a picture of life, here, a la those early, sepia-golden scenes from the movie, *The English Patient*. The 12,000 dedicated soldiers in camp, however, and all of the accompanying needs of folks in the field will give me a ready and ringing reminder that neither Kirsten Scott Thomas, nor Ralph Fiennes, nor any of their lux travel accoutrements (servants, classic bi-planes, elegant al fresco meals, campfire recitations of Kipling, etc.) are in the area.

Outside the circus tent which is our home, come the sounds of all types of aircraft, land vehicles and the Caterpillar generator which purrs loudly and charges laptops, sat phones and

electric razors.

These and other items (fans, radios, and the like) make life here a bit more tolerable. The blanket of stars which covered camp last night gives way to the kind of clear sunrise which is only found warming and illuminating this type of air.

Backlit and sitting 100 meters to our east, stand ready a line of AH-64D Apache Longbow attack helicopters, the brigade's main aircraft.

The battalion commander, sergeant major and fellow officers of the 1-101st Aviation Regiment, as well as a war correspondent from Newsweek, a.k.a. my tent mates, stir as we start about another day's work. We stay in the TOC, Tactical Operation Center, for the battalion and there are few moments when the computers, radios and theater operational maps aren't being pored over for planning the coming strikes on the targets of the Iraqi regime, which is the mission of this unit. These pilots are among the Army's elite, flying the world's most advanced rotary wing aircraft. More expensive than an F-16, and, forward deployed, the Apache

Longbow is one of the most lethal weapon systems in our nation's armamentarium.

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Since leaving Bay St. Louis last summer to volunteer as a flight surgeon in the Army Medical Corps, I am often asked why a small town family doc, in his early forties, would leave a comfortable, beachside life on the Gulf for the often-difficult business of military medicine. Easy, accurate first answers have been, "Because I'm a patriot", or, "Knowing that someone is out there, putting their life on the line for my sake, I want to do what I can to help..." etc., and these remain true answers for me, especially in light of the 9-11 attack and the impetus it provided for my joining up last year.

Now, what is apparent is that I think a lot about just what makes possible

the sort of peaceful, friendly world like the one enjoyed in places like Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the people who make up it's community and the life they make, there.

The Providence of a kind God is, of course, the first reason. And, in this, by His careful provision to this country, a strong and sure defense of freedom wherever it is challenged.

The moral obligation to liberate the Iraqi people and protect the rest of the world from the thugs who have murdered, raped and poisoned their own is unprecedented in history. My confidence in our need to be here has only been strengthened by what we now know to be true about the atrocities done -- and that are being planned -- by a real, madman dictator and his followers. It is humbling to be part of the type of operation and associated group of soldiers and staff who have been assembled here and at home to make our work a success. The support of a concerned nation is integral to all of us out here. For we are all in this together.

No small part of this is

the prayers and encouragement of folks in The Bay: Ann and Kevun, Joe and Leticia, Amby and Susan, and others come to mind.

Thank you, all, for this and for your life and work, there.

These days, when arising from the usual four-hour night's sleep and the tent is full of dust, whipped up from the desert floor by some devilish wind, after looking around at my colleagues who have left families back in the U.S. to come here and fight to preserve order and decency in the world, I often think of the Bay of St. Louis and the life beside her. My mind walks down Ulman, St. Charles, St. John and Main; it sees me jogging down S. Beach and taking a bike ride to get coffee and have a chat. And of the late Stephen Ambrose. His books are included in my regiment's deployed library.

Each evening this last week, the next company over has been projecting the *Band of Brothers* series on a sheet suspended from top of their tent. Apt preparation for these, the new generation men and women of the 101st Airborne Division (Air

Assault) and a fitting reminder of the work done by this hallowed unit in years past. Thanks to Stephen and to his family for continuing his story telling and infectious, deep love of country.

Whether or not I ever again have an address with you, The Bay will remain for me the town I most like to call "home". It's a place that embodies those most valuable things about America worth defending sacrificially; a place that has much of what is "right" about America and her people. Thanks for supporting those who serve you in the United States Military. Thanks for continuing the work to make life in the Bay something that a soldier in the desert thinks about when he thinks of the comforts of home.

Yours,  
Dave Romine, MAJ MC  
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Editor's note:  
Major Romine returned to Ft. Rucker, Alabama, last week.

## Small pox

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she said. With 15 minutes of education, people can be trained to administer the vaccine, she said.

Widespread public vaccinations programs were suspended in the U.S. in 1972 because there was little or no threat of exposure to the disease. The last reported naturally occurring case in the U.S. was in Texas in 1949. The last reported naturally occurring case in the world was in Somalia in 1977.

Though there has recently been much publicity about negative reactions to the vaccine, Redmond said serious adverse reactions occur only in about 14 to 52 people out of a million.

One or two people out of a million may actually die

as a result of a reaction to the vaccine, according to the Center of Disease control website. Low fevers, swollen glands, soreness and missed work are more usual reactions for about a third of those receiving the vaccine, said the website. Certain health conditions, such as suppressed immune systems, may contribute to adverse reactions.

The vaccine is a live virus, the same one given when mass immunizations took place in the 1950's and 1960's. But the virus is not the actual smallpox virus. It is a related virus which helps the body develop an immunity to small pox. The vaccine cannot cause smallpox.

## Suspects

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Detectives Bobby Juge and Melissa Sperling on the burglaries, said he received a confidential tip on Tuesday about the possibility of stolen power tools, air compressor, air tools and a radio stolen in St. Tammany may be located at a White's Road residence in Pearlington.

Luther said, "Myself, Investigator Andre Fizer, Capt. Joe Herrin and Deputy Tom Roan visited the residence, received permission to search and located the radio reported missing."

The Hancock and St. Tammany officers further investigation led to the arrest of, Brian Hughes, 30, and Colin Celino, 42, both of

Pearlington and Rodney Hingle, 36, of Shoreline Park in connection with the Louisiana burglaries. They recovered the power tools, air tools, air compressor, in addition to the radio earlier, Chief Investigator Bob Lambert reported Friday afternoon.

"All three suspects are being held without bond for St. Tammany Parish for the possession of stolen property. Additionally both Celino and Hingle are also being held for outstanding warrants in Hancock County too," Lambert added.

The three suspects are also possible suspects in other St. Tammany burglaries, Detective Juge reported.

## Stolen vehicle recovered

A vehicle reported as stolen last Sunday morning was recovered that afternoon, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Investigator John Luther who is heading up the investigation said, "Deputy Tom Roan spotted the pickup on Tiger Street in Shoreline Park. When I arrived at the scene I noticed a window was broken and the vehicle was spray painted with obscenities."

Luther did say, "On Saturday, March 22, the vehicle's owner was assaulted which required him to seek medical attention at the hospital. On Sunday morning he discovered his vehicle had been stolen and reported it to the sheriff's office."

"There are two suspects we are seeking for the assault and possible theft," Luther did reveal.

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## Obituaries

**LESLIE CROSBY SR.**  
**MELTON CUEVAS**  
**GENEVA HUGHES**  
**ROGER MERRIFIELD**  
**ERWIN PATRICK MORAN**  
**CLYDE THOMAS**  
**STONE WARE III**  
**B.D. WINDHAM JR.**

Leslie D. "Les" Crosby, 52, and a resident of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, March 26, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mr. Crosby was a native and lifelong resident of the Gulf Coast. He worked at BE & K Depot. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Long Beach.

Mr. Crosby was preceded in death by his parents, C.B. "Butler" Sr. and Eola "Tincie" Smith Crosby.

He is survived by his wife, Clarie Cuevas Crosby of Pass Christian; his children, Melissa Hammock Russell of Culloden, W.Va., Brandi Crosby of Biloxi, and Doug Crosby Jr. of Pass Christian; a grandchild, Olivia Lee Russell of Culloden, W.Va.; his brothers and sisters, Raymond Farve of Lawrence, Kan., Glenda Farve Hagan of Gulfport, James "Lupie" Farve of Gulfport, Carolyn Crosby Pohl of Diamondhead, Cecil Crosby of Gulfport, Earl Crosby of Gulfport, Margaret Crosby Luckadoo of LaCombe, La., and Ronald Crosby of Metairie, La.

Services were held Friday at Riemann Funeral Home 25th Avenue in Gulfport. Burial was in Finley Cemetery in Harrison County.

The family requests memorial contributions to Memorial Hospital Hospice, P.O. Box 1810, Gulfport, 39502.

**MELTON CUEVAS**  
 Melton J. "Fattie" Cuevas, 68, died Monday, March 24, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mr. Cuevas was a native of Gulfport and a lifelong resident of Lizana. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea and was a welder for Irby Steel. He was a member of Lizana Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Renelder and Mable Cuevas; and a brother, Jimmy Cuevas.

Survivors include his wife, Lorena L. Cuevas of Gulfport; a son, Christopher Sean Cuevas of Gulfport; three daughters, Michele Dobbs of Wiggins, Kimberly Cuevas of D'Iberville and Yvette Elmore of Gulfport; two stepsons, Kim Cuevas of Diamondhead and Douglas Cuevas of Kiln; three brothers, Curvis Cuevas and Earl Cuevas, both of Gulfport, and Nelson Cuevas of Kentucky; three sisters, Beulah Wilson of Gulfport, Betty Ladner of Pass Christian and Marie

Cuevas of Gulfport; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport. Burial was in Wolf Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Hancock County.

**GENEVA HUGHES**  
 Geneva Hughes, 74, and a resident of Gulfport, died Wednesday, March 26, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Hughes was a native of Collins and a long-time resident of the Gulf Coast. He was a homemaker and loving mother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward L. Hughes Sr.

She is survived by her sons, Edward L. Jr. and his wife, Benita Hughes of Gulfport, John H. Sr. and his wife, Dianne Hughes of Saucier, Billy Joe and his wife, Eve Hughes of Gulfport, Michael Wayne and his wife, Judy Hughes of Waveland, Larry G. and his wife, Janet Hughes of Tenn., Howard Hughes and Georgy Hughes, both of Gulfport; his daughter, Doris and her husband, Larry Harriel of Perkins; two half-brothers, Terrie Sanford and Eugene Sanford; a half-sister, Merle Sanford; 17 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport. Burial followed in Finley Cemetery.

**ROGER MERRIFIELD**  
 Roger Merrifield, 65, a retired oceanographer, died March 21, 2003, at the Canon Hospice in Jefferson, Louisiana.

He had a 36-year career with the Naval Oceanographic Office before retiring in 1997. During his career, Mr. Merrifield was a member of the Deep Submergence, Ocean Projects and the Acoustics Projects Programs. He received many awards during his tenure, including the Department of the Navy's Notorious and Sustained Notorious Civilian Service Awards.

Mr. Merrifield, a native of Hemstead, N.Y., had lived in Bay St. Louis for 26 years. He was a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., where he received a bachelor's degree in geology. He attended the University of Rhode Island for post-graduate studies.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lillian and Rowland Merrifield, and a brother, Richard Merrifield of North Massapequa, N.Y.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Roberta Merrifield of Bay St. Louis; three children, Elizabeth Filter of Stevensville, Md., Peter Merrifield of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Christopher Merrifield of New Orleans, La., and two grandchildren.

A memorial service at was held Saturday at the St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations should be made to one's own favorite charity.

**CLYDE THOMAS**  
 Clyde John Thomas, 66, died Friday, March 21, 2003, in Biloxi.

Mr. Thomas was born a native of Kiln. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force and he was Catholic.

He was preceded in death by his father, Will Clyde Thomas; and mother, Alzetta Saucier Thomas.

Survivors include his longtime companion, Ruth Armstrong of Pass Christian; a daughter, Claudette Thomas of Gulfport; a son, Will Clyde Thomas III of Pass Christian; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Service were held Friday in Biloxi National Cemetery, Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

**STONE WARE III**  
 Stone Ware III, 70, died Monday, March 24, 2003, in New Orleans, La.

Mr. Ware was a native of New Orleans, a graduate of Jesuit High School and a resident of Biloxi since 1976. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, a member of the Catholic faith a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Biloxi.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Stone and Tommie Ware Jr.

Survivors include a son, Stoney Ware IV of River Ridge, La.; a daughter, Cindy Ware Atkins of Shreveport, La.; a brother, David Ware of Bakersfield, Calif., and three grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian. The family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society, 417 Security Square, Gulfport, MS 39507.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in

charge of arrangements.

**B.D. WINDHAM JR.**  
 B.D. "Bubba" Windham Jr., 76, died Tuesday, March 25, 2003, in Clermont Harbor.

He was a native of Rayville, La., and a resident of Greenwell Springs, La. He was of the Baptist faith. He was a member of the Rotary and the Louisiana Lions Club in Grand Isle, La.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ola Brice and Buell Delma Windham Sr.; two sisters, Louise Roznowski and Pat Horn.

Survivors include a son, Bill "Delma" Windham III of Baton Rouge, La.; two daughters, Sharon Windham Bennett of Greenwell Springs, La., and Tobbie Windham Vavasseur of Zachary, La.; a sister, Wanda Dinkins of Shreveport, La.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

## St. Thomas Episcopal Church News

Plans are underway for Vacation Bible School this summer starting June 9. More information will be provided shortly.

The Diamondhead Youth Organization, Diamondhead Community Association/Continuing Education is making additional plans, for programs, which will interest Diamondhead youth. Pat Morgan, who heads the Diamondhead Continuing Education noted the offerings will include lessons in are, chess, computers, sports, exercise and more - all of which begins June 16 through July 31. This is a non-denominational project that will be held in the new classrooms at St. Thomas. Watch for future announcements.

Bruce Pennington announced that the Men's Club has tentative plans for their breakfast meeting April 19 at 8:30 a.m., building construction permitting.

Georgia Pickens, President of the Episcopal Church Women's group stated that the next ECW meeting will be at her home, April 14 at 10 a.m. The ECW is open the all women of the church; those interested in attending may call at 228-255-0651. Pickens noted that the Reverends Brian and Kyle Seage will be leading the annual ECW spring conference on the Anglican Rosary at Duncan Gray Center near Jackson on April 11 and 12. ECW will be collecting in the church, specific medications for the Panama Medical Mission to be brought up to the spring conference. Those wishing to donate may contact the church at 228-255-9213. There will be a list of acceptable medicines and a basket in Johnson Hall at the church.

The Reverend Brian Seage, Rector at St. Thomas Episcopal Church announced the following services for Lenten and Easter Celebration:

- Holy Eucharist and Healing Services at 11 a.m., Wednesdays

- Lenten services every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. with mandolin and guitar music provided by Art and Rowen Zubieni.

- Procession for Palm Sunday, April 13 at 8 and 10 a.m., will have the congregation meeting outside for the traditional blessing of the palms and procession into the church.

- During the week after Palm Sunday there will be a noon Eucharist followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon.

- Maundy Thursday services on April 17 will be at 6 p.m.

- Good Friday liturgy will be held at 6 p.m.

- Easter Sunday Festival Celebration services will be held at 8 and 10 a.m. Full music offerings are at the 10 a.m. service. An Easter egg hunt for little ones will take place immediately after the 10 a.m. service and a similar egg hunt will be offered for the next age group.

The St. Thomas Episcopal Church congregation is looking forward to the grand opening of the new education wing and remodeling of Johnson Hall sometime during Easter season, depending on construction progress. Announcements will follow when a date is selected.

The Bell Choir membership is growing under the direction of Donna Hutchings, choir director. The congregation is treated to excellent offerings of music throughout the service.

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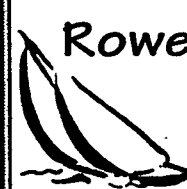
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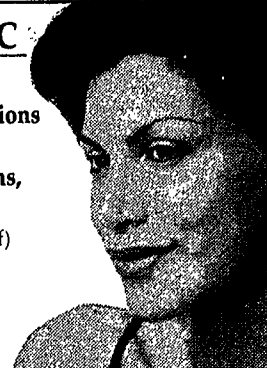
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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Tulane to offer casino course

BILOXI, Miss. (AP) — Tulane University will begin offering a casino management course in Biloxi this summer, filling a need the Mississippi Legislature has refused to allow state colleges to offer.

The seven-week course, which will be taught by Tom Brosig, a co-founder of Grand Casino and adjunct professor at Tulane University College, will provide a broad overview of the casino industry.

Students will learn about casino operations, food and beverage management, security, marketing techniques and human resource management and how they all tie together.

Lou Campomenosi, assistant dean of the Tulane campus, located inside Edgewater Mall in Biloxi, said the class is part of the school's effort to meet the educational needs of South Mississippi.

The Legislature has continually voted down bills that would allow state colleges and universities to teach casino management courses. Lawmakers had been warned that Tulane would soon be offering such courses.

Casino officials have said without training courses in Mississippi they will continue to bring in managers from outside the state to operate the gambling houses.

The summer course will be available as a general management elective.

Brosig will teach the class in the fall and continue to refine the curriculum.

By next fall, Tulane plans to add another casino management class.

## Casino Magic promotes employees

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has announced the following promotions:

Dewey Lewis, of New Orleans was recently promoted to Director of Hospitality Services. He will be responsible for all aspects of the front desk at both Bay Tower Hotel and Casino Magic Inn, transportation, housekeeping, RV Park, marina, gift shop, spa, call center and ticket sales. He brings a wealth of hotel operation experience to the position, including managerial positions with Starwood Hotels.

Hollie Hester-Lemoine, of Bay St. Louis has been promoted to the Player Events/VIP Manager at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. She has been a part of the Casino Magic team for over nine years, all in VIP/Player Development.

Renee Brennan has been promoted to Host Manager, she started the position in February. She has been a member of the Casino Magic Bay St. Louis team for seven years, all in Player Development.

Sue Forstall has recently been named to the position of Casino Host; she began her new position in February. Previously, she was a host for three years. In all, she has been a team member for over five years with Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.



### New owners

**Trendsetters Full Service Salon and Day Spa recently celebrated its grand opening at 107 Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis under new ownership. In attendance were Tish Haas Williams, Arthur Bailey Jr., Gaytona Bradley, new owner Lou Ann Oglesby, Dewey Russell, Robert Oglesby, Elena Peterson and Margaret Hadden. The shop offers haircuts, color, perms, nail services, therapeutic massage, facials and waxing. (Staff photo by Cecilia Howe)**

## One area non-profit organization to receive free creative services

For at least one Gulf Coast non-profit organization, the best advertising and public relations campaign could be free.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Advertising Federation (AdFed) - a 120-member professional coalition of South Mississippi's most successful advertising, marketing, and communications professionals - has issued a call for all non-profit groups to apply for consideration as the AdFed's community service focus for 2004.

According to current AdFed president Amber Goodwin, AdFed will select a non-profit group from a pool of applications, and AdFed members will provide complimentary creative services based on the non-profit's needs, ranging from concept development and graphic design support to media and public relations training.

"This is an opportunity for AdFed members to use our collective talents to help a non-profit expand its recognition across the area and, ultimately, for more Gulf Coast residents to know about and benefit from the non-profit's services," said Goodwin, a designer with Biloxi based firm, The Ad Group.

Interested non-profit organizations should submit a letter of application, including a summary of advertising and communications needs and documentation of non-profit status, by June 1, 2003, to Denise Ladner, c/o Mississippi Power Company, Corporate Communications, P.O. Box 4079, Gulfport, MS 39502-4079; phone (228) 865-5416; e-mail dpladner@southern-co.com.

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# SPORTS

## St. Stanislaus honors athletes

BY: JOSEPH W. GEX, II  
STAFF WRITER

St. Stanislaus honored their winter student athletes with an awards ceremony on Friday, March 21. The basketball team paid tribute to five sections of players from the seventh grade team to the varsity team.

Seventh grade head coach passed out certificates of participation to Corey Daspit, Juan Duhart, Derrion Elzy, John Gruzinskas, Mark Hoover, Pablo Islas, Steven Kariker, Freddie Kippes, C.J. Lassabe, Micah McNally, Jeremiah Morgan, Brian Rice, Kevin Scarengos, and Scott Zimmerman.

Those players who achieved a 3.0 GPA during their season of play were handed certificates for those achievements in the classroom. They were Duhart, Elzy, Lassabe, McNally, Morgan, Scarengos, Rice, and Zimmerman.

Daspit, Gruzinskas, Lassabe, and Scarengos all received the Hustle Award. Elzy was presented the Defensive Award. The Rebounding Award was won by Micah McNally. Rice won the Most Improved Award. Jeremiah Morgan won the Offensive Award.

Coach Linn Standridge distributed certificates of

participation and academic excellence to the eighth grade team. Those receiving participation and academic excellence were Dayne Coscia, David Grapusa, Ryan Heath, Dustin Hoffpauir, Chaz Singleton, Spencer Smith, and Andrew Taylor.

Others receiving participation certificates were Matt Hudgens, Kythe Hall, Robert Jackson, Chase Kleinpeter, Eric Lichenstein, and Grant West.

Smith received the Most Improved Award while Hoffpauir and Lichenstein won the Hustle Award. West took home the Rebounding Award and Kleinpeter earned the Defensive Award. Jackson was presented the Offensive Award.

The freshman team was coached by Vince Moran who graduated from SSC in 1995 and attended Mississippi State on a track scholarship. He is the last person in the state of Mississippi to high jump 7' on the high school level.

Under Moran's guidance the ninth grade Rocks compiled a record of 15-4 and defeated Paycune for the conference championship after losing to the Maroon Tide twice during the regular season.

Moran gave participation and academic excellence certificates to Brandon Butler, Owen McNally, Josh Morgan, and Mike Rice. Participation certificates were also merited by Sean Anderson, Johnathan Darbouze, Mike Deifik, Jason Lewis, Kevin Macuick, Sylvester Twigg, David Wells, Blake Williams, and Jason Zedak.

Darbouze merited the Most Improved Award while McNally was named the Best Offensive Player. Morgan took home the Hustle Award and Rice won the Coach's Award. Twigg received the Best Defensive Player Award.

The junior varsity and varsity team members were handled by coaches Jay Ladner and Kelton Thompson. Prior to handing out the varsity letters, Coach Jay Ladner presented Kelton Thompson, a 1996 SSC alum, a special award for his years of service to the program as Thompson is moving to Memphis.

The junior varsity team finished with a record of 20-6 after starting 2-4. The varsity tied a school record with 31 win and 6 losses on the way to a second consecutive semi-final berth in the state 4A tournament in Jackson. Some of the championship titles that the varsity Rocks earned during the season were the Admiral Classic, Rock Classic, Biloxi Thanksgiving Tournament, War on the Shore, Coast Coliseum Shootout, and the Division 8 Class 4A tournament. They finished as runner-up in the South State 4A tournament, as well.

Those players earning their varsity letters were Darius Acker, Chad Allee, Brett Amond, Ben Benvenutti, Zach Delaney, Mario Faranda, Taylor Handshoe, Craig Kleinpeter, Philman Ladner, Eric Loprete, Zach Mellen, Rob Murray, Greg Rice, Ramsey Shawa, Jay Spell, Sam Tart, James Tingstrom, Andrew Walsh, Derrick Willis, Gabe Willis, and Grady Wylly.

Academic excellence certificates were presented to Allee, Amond, Benvenutti, Faranda, Mellen, Murray, Rice, Shawa, Spell, Tingstrom, and Gabe Willis.

All Division certificates were merited by Gabe Willis, Mario Faranda, and Darius Acker. Acker also received the Most Valuable Offensive Player Award from the division. Jay Ladner was honored as the Coach of the Year in the division, as well.

The Scholar Athlete Award for the team was won by Chad Allee. Taylor Handshoe and Brett Amond received the Most Improved Award and Amond will be playing for Loyola University in New Orleans next season.

The Curtis St. Mary Award for Dedication was presented to Sam Tart. Zach Mellen and Ben Benvenutti received the Coach's Award. Gabe Willis won the Mr. Rock-a-chaw Award.

The Class 4A state champion soccer team was honored at the ceremony. The Rocks finished with a record 24-2-1 and claimed the state title with a 3-1 win over defending state champion Pearl High School.

Elias Alam, Jeremy Boelte, Patrick Donohoe, Peter Doty, Todd Farrar, and Michael Kivlan were all named to the All-State team while Doty was chosen as the MAC Player of the Year. Head coach Andy Kivlan was named the state Coach of the Year. The Rocks finished the season ranked #2 in the state poll behind 5A state champ Northwest Rankin.

State Representatives Diane Peranich, J.P. Compretta, and Dirk dedeaux all pushed for Concurrent House Resolution 92 which honored the SSC soccer team for their achievements. A copy of the resolution was presented to the school and to each player at the ceremony.

The varsity letter winners were Elias Alam, Marc Belizaire, Jeremy Boelte, Austin Boudreaux, Will Boxx, Beau Brodtmann, Devin Caboni-Quinn, Kody Cannon, Eric Cranford, Patrick Donohoe, Peter Doty, Todd Farrar, Heath Hansell, Jake Johnson, Jeremy Keller, Michael Kivlan, Austin Ladner, Jeremy Lewis, Kyle Lewis, Josh Lingsch, Brennan Marlowe, Matthew Mhner, Sean Olsen, Wynne Taylor, Trey Treutel, Corey Vollenweider, Scott Willson, and Jeffrey Yeager.

The athletes who merited academic excellence certificates were Belizaire, Boelte, Boxx, Brodtmann, Caboni-Quinn, Cannon, Cranford, Donohoe, Doty, Farrar, Hansell, Ladner, Jeremy Lewis, Kyle Lewis, Lingsch, Marlowe, Taylor, Vollenweider, and Yeager.

The junior varsity Coach's Award was won by Marc Belizaire and Most Improved was merited by Jeffrey Yeager. The Most Valuable Defensive Player was presented to Devin Caboni-Quinn and Heath Hansell. The Best Offensive Player Award was won by Eric Cranford.

The varsity Most Versatile Player Award was given to Austin Ladner. Josh Lingsch and Patrick Donohoe merited the Most Improved Award. Jake Johnson and Cody Cannon went home with the 12th Man Award.

The Outstanding Defensive Player Award was presented to Trey Treutel and Jeremy Boelte. The Outstanding Offensive Player Award was received by Michael Kivlan and Elias Alam. Will Boxx claimed the Leadership Award. Jeremy Keller and Jeremy Lewis won the Coach's Award. Todd Farrar and Peter Doty won the Mr. Rock-a-chaw Award. Farrar has been chosen to play in the Mississippi All-Star game while Doty has received a full scholarship to play soccer at Boston University.

The junior high soccer team was coached by Jeff Dunbar. He presented participation and academic excellence certificates to Guillermo Alagon, Brit Breland, Evan Cranford, Sam Goggins, Alejandro Gonzalez, John Hadden, William Hadden, Jimmy Headley, Juan Hernandez, Dillon Kenny, Michael Morrell, Luis Pizzuto, Donnie Renz, and Clark Seal. Others receiving participation certificates were Joel Gregory, Matthew Kivlan, Brad Lingsch, and Connor Smith.

John Hadden merited the Coach's Award while Connor Smith took home the Hustle Award. The Most Valuable Defensive Player Award went to Brit Breland and Brad Lingsch. The Most Valuable Offensive Player Award was presented to Jimmy Headley and Juan Hernandez.

At the end of the ceremony, the varsity soccer team was presented special recognition by the school for the state title with embroidered shirts and an engraved medal of St. Stanislaus Koska - the patron saint of St. Stanislaus College.

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**Number 1**  
Mary Boswell, Damascus, Maryland, is the first seed, 70s division, in the National Senior Women's Tennis Championships scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. at Diamondhead Tennis World. (Photo by Liz Wagner Mald)

A group of Waveland sailors arrived in Gulfport, St. Petersburg, in the St. Petersburg National Regatta. The event was held by the Club, Mar. An international of eighty sailors, many in the class, come to race series during the regatta. The day was cloudy with calm and calm knots of wind. The seas were calm. The event was steady with a steady wind. Have a spectacular sailboat race on the water. WOW!

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# Local sailors race in Nationals

A group of twelve Bay-Waveland Yacht Club sailors and junior sailors traveled six hundred miles to Gulfport, Florida, near St. Petersburg, to compete in the Sunfish Midwinter National Championship Regatta. This annual sailing event was hosted this year by Boca Ciega Yacht Club, March 12 - 15.

An international lineup of eighty-three talented sailors, many of them world class, competed in the five race series. The weather during the four days of racing was sunny to partly cloudy with very little wind and calm seas up to ten knots of wind with moderate seas. One day of racing was canceled for lack of steady wind.

Have you ever seen the spectacle of eighty-three sailboats jockeying for position on a starting line? WOW!

The BWYC sailors who made the trip were Bishop Stieffel, brothers Clinton and Todd Edwards, Todd's wife Anne Edwards, Peter Merrifield, Marcus Eagan, and junior sailors Marcus Eagan's brother Andrew Eagan, Johnny White, John Chapoton, Paul Keith, Phillip Tanner, and his brother Erik Tanner. The Bay junior sailors had to complete their school work in advance to make up for classes they would miss. That's enthusiasm.

Larry Keith, Paul Keith's dad, accompanied the group with his power boat to provide safety support, and on-the-water logistical support.

A low point scoring system was used to determine the final standings. Skippers were awarded points according to how they finished in each race, one point for finishing first, two points for finishing second, and so on. The skipper who accumulated the fewest points during the five race series, with no throw outs, was the overall winner.

The regatta was won by Juan Maegli, from Guatemala, with twenty-three points. Second place was taken by Malcolm Smith, from Bermuda, with twenty-four points, and

Marcus Eagan, Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, USA, was third, with twenty-nine points.

The final positions of the rest of the BWYC group was Clinton Edwards, 8th, Bishop Stieffel, 12th, Andrew Eagan, 23rd, Todd Edwards, 25th, Peter Merrifield, 34th, Paul Keith, 37th, Anne Edwards, 39th, Johnny White, 58th, Erik Tanner, 62nd, Phillip Tanner, 66th, and John Chapoton, 72nd.

The regatta also featured a team race in which four-boat teams representing their respective districts competed against each other. Each district was allowed to have multiple teams.

During the race team members helped their teammates finish in a higher position by hindering members of other teams at opportune times while maintaining as good a position as possible. An individual victory was not important. This strategy is

## High school golf action

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STAFF WRITER

St. Stanislaus hit the links twice last week in high school golf action.

On Wednesday, March 19, the Rocks won a four-team match with a score of 167. D'Iberville shot a 172 to place second followed by Pearl River Central 175, and Pass Christian had a 185.

Nick Beale of Pass Christian was low medalist with a 33. James Wahl and Damien Holcomb each shot a 40 for SSC. Todd Farrar shot a 43, TJ Koger 44, and Joseph Muscarello had a 48 to round out the scorers for SSC.

On Thursday, March 20, a three-team match took place at Diamondhead. Picayune won the team meet with a score of 167. The Maroon Tide also had low medalist with a 33. SSC placed second with a 170 and Hancock was third with 185.

allowed under the rules, and is the focal point of team racing. Team scores were determined by adding together the points awarded to each team member according to how they finished.

The Gulf Coast Blue Crabs team successfully defended their title, and another Gulf Coast team took second place.

The members of the winning team were Marcus Eagan, Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, Clinton Edwards, Bay-Waveland, Bishop Stieffel, Bay-Waveland, and Tom Whitehurst, Pensacola Beach Yacht Club.

The second place team was made up of Andrew Eagan, Bay-Waveland, John Chapoton, Bay-Waveland, Paul Keith, Bay-Waveland, and Ryan Hamilton, Pontchartrain Yacht Club. The members of this team are all junior sailors.

The Sunfish is a fifteen foot long sailboat with low freeboard, a deck with a small cockpit, and is equipped with a single lateen sail (triangular shaped). It's usually raced solo because of its small size

and small cockpit.

The skipper doesn't have anyone else aboard to help formulate strategy before the start of a race, keep track of competitors and plot tactics during a race, hunt for better wind and wind shifts while racing, or help meet the often strenuous physical demands of sailing it. Racing a Sunfish is a do-it-all-yourself adventure.

These popular boats are day sailed and raced worldwide in great numbers by novices and serious sailors of all ages. It's an excellent craft for both adult and junior sailors. Sir Paul McCartney (the Beatles) was seen sailing one not long ago on Lake Pontchartrain in New Orleans while there for his concert, as is his habit wherever he goes.

Bay-Waveland Yacht Club will play host to the prestigious annual Sunfish North American Championship Regatta, July 12 - 17. Eighty to one hundred twenty sailors from as many as ten countries are expected to participate.

## Hornets sting Tigers in tennis Thursday

The East Central Hornets handed the Bay High Tigers their first loss of the season Thursday in high school tennis. Jared Dunklin lost in boys single, 1-6, 0-6; Stephanie Reed held off Taylor Montgomery 7-6, 7-7 in girls singles; in boys doubles Chris Magee and Brandon Slade lost 4-6, 3-6; Kelly Callahan and Sarah Powell fell in girls doubles, 1-6, 1-6; and in mixed doubles, Bay High's Marquez Singleton and Jacqueline Fouasanon won 6-2, 6-1.

The team is 4-1 on the season will host Picayune Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

## Hancock beats Gulfport 10-1 in softball contest

The Hancock Lady Hawks defeated the Gulfport Lady Admiral 10-1 Thursday in high school softball action. Kate Sullivan was the winning pitcher, striking out seven batters. Mykeal Mays had two singles for Hancock. Jessica Dubuisson, Courtney Vincent, Morgan Necaice, and Jennifer Ladner each had a single. The team turned a, "beautiful double play," in the sixth inning. The ball was hit back to the Kate Sullivan who threw to Courtney Vincent at second and she fired the ball to Morgan Necaice at first for the twin killing.

## Warriors down

BY: JOSEPH W. GEX, II  
STAFF WRITER

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws dropped a tough game against the D'Iberville Warriors 4-2 at the Brother Philip Memorial Athletic Complex on Wednesday, March 26. The loss dropped the Rocks to 3-11 overall and 0-6 in the division.

The Warriors scored a run in the top of the first inning to take the early lead. They added another run in the top of the second to double the score to 2-0.

The Rocks tied the game at 2-2 in the bottom of the second with some key at-bats. Ben Benvenuti walked to lead off the inning. Spencer Ziegler bunted Benvenuti over.

Brooks Breland laid down a sacrifice bunt to

score Benvenuti. Andrew Chevis also laid down a sacrifice bunt to drive in Ziegler and tied the score. Jeremy Lewis followed with a single in the inning but was left stranded.

The Warriors took the lead with two runs in the top of the third inning off some crucial SSC errors which ended up to be the final score.

SSC head coach Will Seymour stated, "Mental mistakes have cost us all year long. We seem to make the mistakes at the most crucial times of the game."

On March 25, the Pass Christian Pirates dropped a game to the Warriors of D'Iberville 1-0. Dustin Allen of Pass Christian took the loss but struck out 9 batters and allowed just three hits.

## Gaudin named to board

BY: JOSEPH W. GEX, II  
STAFF WRITER

Rocky Gaudin, athletic director at Hancock High School, was named a District 8 board member for the Mississippi Athletic Administrators Association during their annual meeting in Jackson this past week.

Gaudin has been in education 26 years and has spent 22 years at Hancock High School. The last nine years have been spent as Athletic Director. He also did a four-year tour at Bay High School as head football coach where he led them to a state playoff berth.

The MAAA is a branch of the National Athletic Administrators Association and is governed in this state by the Mississippi High

School Activities Association.

The purpose of the MAAA is to govern and administer the proper rules and regulations of athletics in the state of Mississippi as set forth by the MHSAA and the national chapter.

In a recent interview, Gaudin stated that he was very appreciative of his selection to the honored position.

In addition to his duties as Athletic Director at Hancock High School, Gaudin is also the head football coach. This past season, he led his team to another winning and narrowly missed the final state playoff berth. However, his team was selected to participate in the 63rd annual Shrimp Bowl.

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**Thursday:** Lasagna, Shaved Ham & Cheese PoBoy, Ranch Baked Fries, Green Peas, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruit Juice, Garlic Bread, Crackers, Brownies

**Friday:** Sliced Turkey w/Gravy, Cheese Pizza, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Chocolate Pudding

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## American Legion Post 77 offers banners, yellow ribbon

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The meeting is Thursday, April 10, 9-11:30a.m. at Berlin Lee Farm, Chester Lee Road, Leetown Community.

## D'head Spring Art Fling is April 6

Diamondhead Women's Club will hold its ninth Spring Art Fling on Sunday April 6, 2003 from 10:00A.M. - 3:00P.M. It will be held at the Diamondhead Country Club. Many of the leading artists in the area will display their work. All artwork will be available for sale.

Admission is \$1.00 and all proceeds will be donated to Hope Haven Children's Shelter and The Alzheimer's Foundation.

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*"Think for yourselves and  
let others enjoy the privilege  
to do so too."*

— Voltaire

Martin Sheen is an idiot.  
I say this not because I  
disagree with his incredibly  
leftist stance — which I do;  
or even because I dislike vir-  
tually all of his work in tele-  
vision and movies — which I  
do, with the possible excep-  
tions of *Apocalypse Now* and  
his recent Visa commercial.

No, I only became con-  
vinced that Martin Sheen is  
an idiot on Wednesday night  
when — interspersed with  
video of bodies being toted  
out of a just-bombed Iraqi  
market and young  
American and British sol-  
diers choking on sand while  
under enemy fire — were  
images of Sheen, hanging  
his head mournfully, his  
mouth covered with a strip  
of duct tape upon which had  
been penned the word  
"peace."

Now, I kind of straddle  
the fence on this war (and if  
any of you have ever strad-  
dled a fence, you know pre-  
cisely how painful that can  
be). On the one hand, I'm  
deeply saddened by the loss  
of innocent lives, and pray  
nightly not only for our sol-  
diers, but also for the Iraqi  
people. On the other, I  
believe that even though  
innocent lives may be lost  
now, still more lives may be  
saved in the long run. It's no  
secret that Saddam  
Hussein's brutal regime has  
for decades raped and  
slaughtered its own people;  
and I believe there's no  
question he's funded terror-  
ists who have taken  
American lives.

So while I wish we could  
have found an answer other  
than war, now that it's start-  
ed, I think we need to sup-  
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and just resolution to the  
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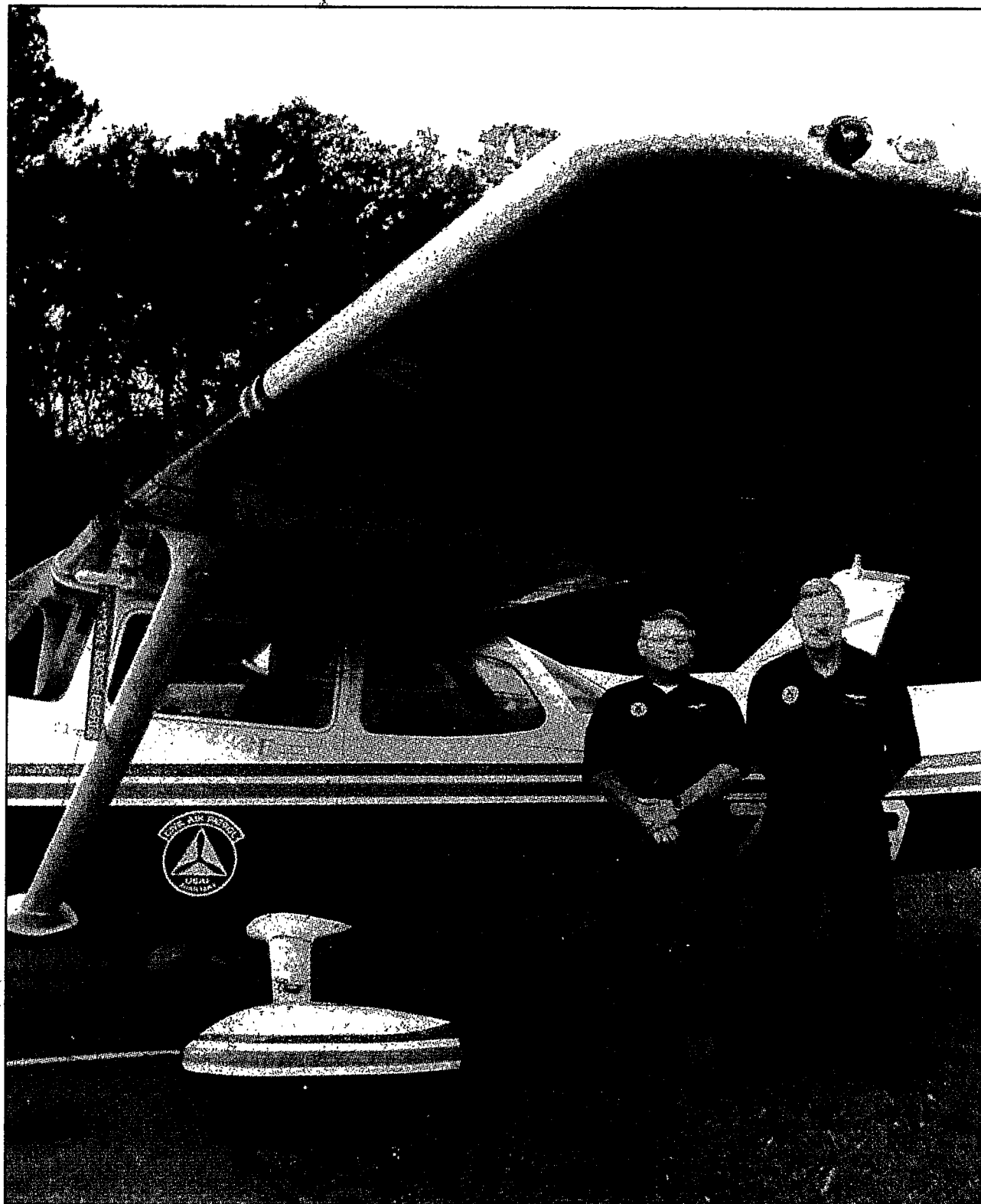
But by the same token, I  
don't harbor any ill will  
against the people in our  
nation and others who are  
protesting against the war  
(except for Canadians —  
those guys bug me, and I  
don't trust 'em).

Most of these people  
(other than the Canadians)  
are good, hard-working  
folks like you and me who  
have the courage of their  
convictions and are taking a  
stand against what they  
believe to be a grave injus-  
tice. If anything, they  
should be admired. It's  
rarely easy or even safe to  
stand up for what you  
believe in.

I don't harbor ill will  
toward the Dixie Chicks for  
Natalie Maines' Bush-bash-  
ing remarks in England. I  
don't even begrudge film-  
maker Michael Moore his

WAY—PAGE 5B

# Flying friendly skies



*Diamondhead Civil Air  
Patrol Unit helping keep  
the homefront safe*

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER

Staff Writer

Last week, a Civil Air Patrol  
plane, flown by Diamondhead  
Composite Squadron  
Communications Officer Capt.  
Tony Trapani, became the  
first to use a new Instrument Landing  
System at Stennis International Airport.  
The squadron, has been in existence  
since October of 2001 and has about 25  
active members, with the Mississippi  
Wing boasting about 550 members  
statewide. Wings exist in all 50 states  
and in Puerto Rico.

The Diamondhead Wing was started  
by John Fletcher, a New Orleans trans-  
plant, who saw a need and thought it  
would be a good idea to give the area's  
many aviation enthusiasts a chance to  
serve. Fletcher talked to area enthusi-  
asts, advertised his idea and found a  
great interest in forming a local Wing. In  
November of 2001, the squadron  
received a plane through the National  
CAP Headquarters and Air Force fund-  
ing.

One of the goals of the CAP is to help  
make everyone feel a little safer. As of  
January 1 this year the CAP now falls  
under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Air  
Force Department of Homeland Security,  
with a new affiliation through the  
Department of Homeland Security, both  
of which are devoted to maintaining the  
security of the Continental US, said  
Squadron Commander 1st Lt. Gary G.  
Hornosky.

The CAP has a long history of service  
of homeland service since its organization  
in 1941, as part of the U.S. Office of  
Civilian Defense, just days before the  
attack on Pearl Harbor. The organization

CAP—PAGE 8B

Echo staff photos by Bennie Shallbetter  
The Diamondhead Composite Squadron Civil  
Air Patrol plane, a 172 Cessna. The CAP  
came under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Air  
Force Department of Homeland Security on  
January 1. Pictured are Deputy Commander  
2nd Lt. Craig Roberts, left, and Commander  
1st Lt. Gary G. Hornosky.

Some of the  
members of the  
Diamondhead  
Squadron at  
Diamondhead  
Airport. The local  
squadron was  
formed in October of  
2001.



## Made in Yazoo City!?!

I once spent six  
months on Mallorca,  
one of the Balearic  
Islands in the  
Mediterranean. It was a  
nice stay, Stella came to  
visit me for a while, I had  
a nice furnished apart-  
ment about a block from  
the Royal Palace and a  
car. The work was easy, a  
few lectures and writing a  
couple of papers with  
some University friends.

But there was some-  
thing I didn't have which  
slowly began to erode the  
serenity of what should  
have been an idyllic stay. I  
had nothing to read. Oh  
yes, I had books. But

unfortunately, all the  
books I had brought with  
me were technical and,  
well, to be honest, after a  
bit they can be very bor-  
ing. Stella brought a few  
magazines with her, but I  
was finding that these  
were consumed quickly  
and soon I was reading  
their texts and finally the  
ads over and over.

It was, while waiting to  
pick up some friends at  
the airport that I found a  
kiosk selling some books  
by London publishers.  
Two books caught my eye,  
"A Winter In Mallorca" by  
George Sand and "My  
Uncle Silas" by H. E.

Bates. George Sand, of  
course, is the well-known  
pen name of Amandine  
Aurore Lucie Dupin, a  
French baroness. She  
came to Mallorca in  
October 1839 with  
Frederic Chopin. Their  
purpose was make won-  
derful music together both  
physically and mentally.  
I'm not sure they ever did  
the one, as he was  
extremely ill most of the  
time, but I believe, he  
wrote one or two of his  
better polonaises while  
they were there.

The prudish  
Mallorceans didn't  
approve of the unmarried



## Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette  
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couple and gave them an  
extremely hard time. As a  
result, Ms. Sand's product  
of her stay was the rather  
entertaining and vitriolic  
"A Winter In Mallorca."  
To the continuing dismay  
of the Mallorceans, the  
book is as popular today  
as when it was written. It  
all goes to prove that if  
you ever get a woman  
mad, make sure it's not a  
woman who can write.

The other book, Bate's  
wonderful "My Uncle

Silas" was of a softer  
nature and I found myself  
reading it's beautiful prose  
again and again. To be  
truthful, I fell in love with  
it. Other people evidently  
have as well. This last win-  
ter, a Masterpiece Theatre  
TV movie of the same  
name was made using  
extracts from the book. It  
starred Albert Finney as  
the rascally reprobate  
Silas. It was a nice movie,

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## What's for Lunch?

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**Thursday:** Sausage and Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

**Friday:** Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Toast, Juice

### LUNCH

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**Wednesday:** Red Beans/Rice/Sausage, Bacon Burger, Seasoned Potato, Cole Slaw, Fresh Banana, Strawberry Blend, Mexican Cornbread

**Thursday:** Chili Cheese

Frito, American Sub Sandwich w/Trimings, Buttered Peas, Carrot Stick w/DI, Fruit Cocktail, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Butter Cookie

**Friday:** Chicken Quesadil, Fish Nuggets, Seasoned Lima Beans, Garden Salad w/Dressing, Chilled Pear Slice, Rosey Applesauce

All menus subject to change.

## King of the Park



To date, 38 skaters have signed up for the 2nd Annual King of the Park scheduled for April 5 and 6 at South Coast Skate Park in Waveland. Skaters will vie for over \$2,000 in cash and prizes in the competition, which is designed in a man on man double elimination format. The maximum number of skaters allowed to compete is 64. Spectators are encouraged to attend the event. Tickets are \$3 per day for observers. For more information, call 228-467-8003.

Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

## Bay High announces STAR student, teacher for '02-'03

Walley to be honored at celebration on April 25

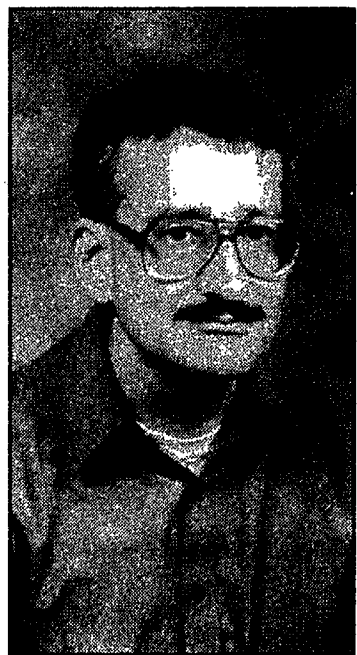
Andrew R. Walley has been named as a STAR (Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition) Student for the 2002-2003 school year by the Mississippi Economic Council's M. B. Swayze Educational Foundation, sponsor of the STAR program.

The Bay High School senior will be honored during the 13th Annual Education Celebration on April 25 at Mississippi College in Clinton. This prestigious event is co-sponsored by Entergy.

STAR students are selected on the basis of academic excellence. Both American College Test scores and scholastic averages are compared to determine the school's STAR Student, explained Peggy Howard of Jackson, chief operating officer of the Swayze Foundation. "The STAR program



Andrew Walley



Brian Fitch

encourages and promotes academic achievement among Mississippi's high school seniors," she said.

Each STAR Student is asked to designate a STAR Teacher, the classroom teacher who has made the greatest contribution to the student's scholastic achievement.

Brian L. Fitch was designated STAR Teacher.

Nearly 500 STAR Students and STAR Teachers will receive recognition from MEC's Swayze Foundation at the celebration.

The top 20 STAR Students -- the ALL-STAR Scholars -- and their STAR Teachers will be presented scholarship awards provided by the Kelly Gene Cook, Sr. Charitable Foundation.

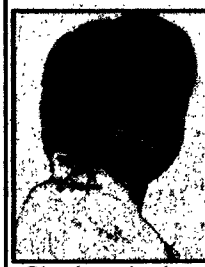
The highlight of the Education Celebration will be the naming of the Mississippi STAR Student for 2003, winner of the coveted \$24,000 Cook Foundation scholarship.

Additional local support for the STAR program is provided by MEC members from communities across the state

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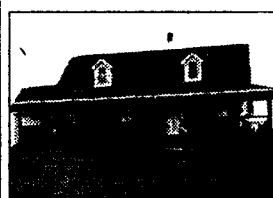
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## Spring Pilgrimage



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(Above) Visitors tour the Bay St. Louis home of Joe and Teresa Kelly during the 56th Annual Pilgrimage on March 14.

(Right) Dee Cichon, left, of Bay St. Louis, learns about a set of dishes from Debbie Cunningham during a tour of Evelyn Winch's home in Pass Christian as part of the Pilgrimage.

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## Carey on the Coast to offer master's degree in nursing

William Carey College on the Coast will offer a master's degree in nursing beginning in August, according to Dr. Janet Williams, professor of nursing and director of the college's Gulfport nursing program.

The clinical focus for the degree will be adult help nursing with an emphasis in education, geared toward meeting the need for more nursing educators, according to Williams.

"Along with the critical nursing shortage, there is also a critical need for more nursing educators," she said. "This program is designed to help meet that need, whether it be in a college classroom or in another capacity such as outpatient education."

The new degree program has been approved by the Commission of Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), as well as the Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of

Mississippi (IHL). It will be reviewed for approval by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission after the first graduating class completes requirements.

For details, contact

Dr. Janet Williams at  
(228) 897-7208 or at

janet.Williams@wmcarey.edu

"We are very proud and very enthusiastic about offering this program," Williams said. "There is every indication that it will be high quality option for the area's nurses."

Williams explained that classes would be offered every other Friday evening and Saturday to accommodate nursing schedules in which nurses work every other weekend. In addition,

nurses may choose one- or two-year options.

Applications are now being accepted for the fall term, and admission decisions will be made in May.

"Anyone wishing to pursue the program should apply now," Williams said. "We don't have a capacity number in mind, but the number of inquiries we have received indicates a widespread interest."

Approximately 400 nursing students are enrolled at William Carey College on its Hattiesburg, Gulfport and New Orleans campuses.

For details, contact Dr. Williams at (228) 897-7208 or by e-mail at janet.Williams@wmcarey.edu.

## Loal students perform with USM'S Pride Band

Seventeen Gulf Coast students completed the 2002 marching season as members of the Pride of Mississippi Marching Band at the University of Southern Mississippi during the fall semester.

Local students from Hancock County included:

• Natalie R. Fields, 19, a freshman international studies major. She is the daughter of Betty S. and Lawrence D. Fields Jr. of Bay St. Louis.

• Helena Boudreaux, 19, a sophomore biology major. She is the daughter of Glen and Karen Boudreaux of Waveland.

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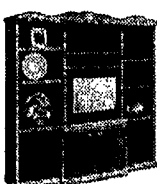
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# Entertainment

## Paul Anka brings five decades of music to BSL

### THE SEA COAST ECHO

Paul Anka brings five decades of musical magic to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday, May 2 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$29.95, \$34.95, and \$39.95 and are available at Casino Magic Box Office or at any Ticketmaster location.

Beginning his career by entering amateur contests and sneaking into clubs, Paul Anka has gone on to become one of the greatest songwriters in history. He has achieved unprecedented success in every venue: stage, screen, television, and recording.

His musical compositions are internationally known and have been recorded by the greatest names in the entertainment industry. He recently set a milestone by being one of only a few artists in history to have a record on Billboard's Top 50 charts for five consecutive decades.

Anka has also been named the 21st most successful artist in Billboard's



Paul Anka

history and received the honor of being named one of Billboard Magazine's most successful artists in history, putting him alongside music greats Elvis Presley and the Beatles.

Since the inception of his career, Anka's songs have been performed well over 90 million times worldwide; and his LP and single sales collectively number more than 42 million. With well over 900 songs to his credit,

Anka's most memorable are "Put Your Head On My Shoulder", "My Way" and the famous theme

from "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson."

Anka's contributions to the entertainment industry have earned him numerous awards and special recognition.

In addition to performing for heads of state, he has been honored by the French government, who awarded him the title: Chevalier In The Order of Arts and Letters. He is among only a handful of Americans to receive this prestigious award. Recently, the National Academy of Popular Music elected Anka into The Songwriter's Hall Of Fame.

An indication of his versatility shows in his most beloved song "My Way." It has been recorded not only by the likes of Elvis Presley, but also, Sid Vicious, and most notably, Frank Sinatra, who the song was written for.

The list of performers recording Anka's songs is an honor role of some of the most talented artists of all time: Sinatra, Presley, Barbara Streisand, Buddy Holly, Tom Jones, and the Doobie Brothers.

Anka launched his career at the age of sixteen with "Diana, with sales totaling over 20 million copies worldwide.

Before he turned 18, Anka had five Top-20 hits and became a household name with songs like "You Are My Destiny", "Lonely Boy" and "Puppy Love."

In the '70s, Anka ushered in another wave of chart-topping hits: "(You're) Having My Baby", "I Don't Like To Sleep Alone" and "One-Man Woman."

His success continues today with the release of new albums and touring across the nation and on the international stage.

Don't miss Paul Anka at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis on Friday, May 2. Must be 21 to attend.

## Natchez Bluff Blues Fest set April 25-27

**THE SEA COAST ECHO**  
Natchez's 8th Annual Blues Festival will be held April 25th, 26th & 27th, this year.

The three day event will kick off Friday Night as the sun sets. CLUBS will host performances around town and they are Biscuits & Blues, Dimples, Under-the-Hill-Saloon, Peacock's Bar & Grill at the Eola Hotel, Natchez Sports Bar, Pearl St. Pasta & King's Tavern.

On Saturday, April 26th from 11:30 a.m. till 10:00 p.m., eight bands will serve up a gumbo of Blues Music on the bluff above the Mississippi River. The

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The CLUBS swing back into action after 10:00pm Saturday Night. The Saturday Night Clubs are Dimples, Pearl Street Pasta, Biscuits & Blues, Under-the-Hill-Saloon and King's Tavern.

Then, wind down your Weekend-O-Blues on Sunday, April 27th, with a BLUES BRUNCH at either Main Street Market Cafe, The Garden Court Bistro at

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but it didn't hold a candle to the flowing magic of the words in the book.

I took "My Uncle Silas" back with me to Mississippi and, when my grandchildren came to visit several years later, began reading them extracts late in the evening. It is a wonderful book to read aloud and that summer, when I reached the end of the book, they asked me to start at the beginning and read it to them again. Each year, thereafter, the highlights of their visits to me and them were the evenings when they sat around on the living room floor and I would read to them a favorite extract from "Uncle Silas." They are grown now, one in the military and married, the other in college, but when we get together they still enjoy hearing the exploits of uncle Silas.

What I am leading up to with all this is that I am not alone here. There are people who like to read, people who

will disappear for hours in the depths of a good book. And there are so many good books that when you are deprived of them as I had been, it really becomes a psychological problem. What is particularly nice here along the coast is that we have excellent libraries and our own Hancock County is no exception. They have books, on books, on books, each waiting to be opened and read. Oops! Did I tell you that April 6-12 is National Library Week?

Of course books are like people. Sometimes you have to take what you read with a grain of salt.

Not too long ago, I was trying to get a sketch of an early American warship and was told by a friend that the ship I wanted was pictured in a book held in the University of Southern Mississippi Library in Hattiesburg. When I went to our local library to do an interlibrary loan, the library aide looked it up and

said he could get it for me in about a week, but then he said, "You know we have copy of this book right here in our library. You can check it out and scan the picture today if you want. It would be a lot quicker."

I felt kind of foolish as he took me to the shelf the book was on and handed me the book. It did indeed have what I wanted and I was pleased to see several other naval books of similar interest on the same shelf that I mentally marked to look at another time. Before I left, I stopped by the double row of Mississippi regional books and, pulling a few out, sat down to look them over.

One was a large, nicely bound book purportedly by its name and front page to be a complete and comprehensive almanac of Mississippi. Its lead section was a year-by-year listing of our states major historical events. 1798 was a big year and took up a lot of room in the chronology. This was the

year that the first of the several parts that would become the State of Mississippi came into being. This part was north of 31° Latitude (the Ellicott Line) and was the area ceded to the United States by Spain by Pinckney's Treaty. It included the area that would later develop into such places as Starkville, Jackson and Yazoo City. The new land had its troubles and the next few years in the chronology was interesting reading.

Then I came down the list to the years 1810 and 1811. Almost nothing. What was said was that somebody ceded land to so and so and that somebody else was appointed to some office. Nothing else. After all the hullabaloo about 1798, 1810 was presented as one of the dull nodes in Mississippi history.

But that's not true. At least not to us who live here on the coast. For it was in 1810 that the areas south of

the Ellicott Line become part of the United States, areas that would form the southern and coastal counties.

But when we become that part, we did so with flair!

It seems that American settlers in the southern area were unhappy by what they considered corrupt Spanish rule and revolted in September 1810. They were unexpectedly successful and the revolutionaries quickly formed a new nation, calling it rather grandly "The Republic of West Florida." They made themselves a pretty light blue flag with a single white star in its center. However, the republic and its pretty flag lasted just a short time. On 27 October 1810 President Madison sent US troops to occupy the area and officially made it part of the United States. And so it was on that date that we here on the Gulf Coast became an integral part of the United States.

But none of this wonderful story is mentioned in this so called all-inclusive chronology of Mississippi history. I was puzzled by this and turned to the publication page, the one just after the title page. Aha! There was the culprit.

It said the book was published and printed in Yazoo City.

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## Way -- freedom, not obligation, of speech

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anti-war and anti-Bush Academy Award acceptance speech. Like Voltaire, "I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend, to the death, your right to say it."

Ultimately, isn't that exactly what our troops are fighting for?

It seems to me that speaking your mind and standing up for what you believe in is what America is all about.

But that doesn't change the fact that Martin Sheen is an idiot.

I'm all for freedom of speech and freedom of expression, but there are three things Martin Sheen and people of his ilk need to understand:

1. This is not about *them*. The main reason I believe Martin Sheen is an idiot is because the whole point of his "political statement" was lost in the fact that he was acting like a goon, and appeared to be merely trying to get some attention for himself -- and God knows celebrities need more attention. The same thing goes for the protesters at various locales around the world who behave in some outrageous manner, such as protesting in the nude or in some silly costume. All they're doing is attracting attention to themselves, and diverting attention from their supposed mission, true peace.

2. The protesters need to understand that -- while they have the right to do and say what they wish -- that right was purchased with the blood of American soldiers. Yes, you should have the right to protest the war, so fire away. Call Bush a moron, or say American values are being perverted if that's what you believe. But if you're going to bash the soldiers, they should have the right to bash you back. And they have heavy

artillery, so you might want to watch your mouth.

3. Entertainers need to realize that they are merely trained monkeys who are paid far too much to play and dance for our amusement. They haven't shed blood or risked life and limb. They are not brilliant scientists or even deep thinkers.

They are chimps in a cage. And while their antics might sometimes be thought-provoking, even the wisest of simians will occasionally fling its own poo.

Which brings us back to Martin Sheen, who needs to remain in his cage and let

somebody else play the martyr for awhile.

So, to sum it all up: Say what you will about the war, but support our troops; watch out for the Canadians 'cause they're up to something; and Martin Sheen is -- and always will be -- an idiot.

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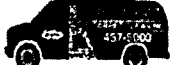
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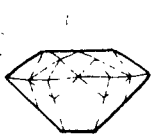


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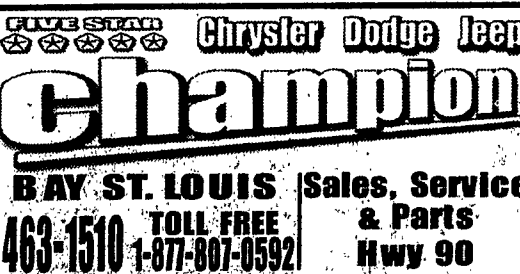
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## How much, how often does prayer really heal?

The most amazing thing about this question posed on the cover of Parade, the Sunday, March 23 magazine of the New Orleans Times-Picayune newspaper, is that it was asked at all this deep into the multi-centuries-old, Judeo-Christian private/public art and deep devotion of prayer of thanks, praise, worship, intercession and healing.

In serious Judeo-Christian circles, the only forthcoming sober question would be: How much and how often does prayer heal? In secular circles, hundreds of scientific studies, including many at the best U.S. universities, are delving deep for any kind of linkage between faith and health.

As you read this, what first likely hit your mind was faith healing, with a special emphasis on what we have seen on TV over the years, or which some of us have seen live in various venues whether churches or not.

While we know some of such things are at least partially staged, we also know there are numerous cases which smack of authentic turnaround and real healing.

Rising high above all claims of faith healing are the signs, wonders and unabashed testimonies of Lourdes, France where untold thousands of abandoned crutches cover the walls of the grotto of Mary's

apparitions.

So numerous are the ubiquitous crutches that they have a benignly intimidating and overwhelming quality about them. An eerie awe hangs heavy in the air.

At the cutting edge of the whole faith healing question are the miracles, supernatural phenomena which defy the natural laws and parameters of physics, thus deservedly getting the attention of scientists, laypersons and

clerics alike. Healing from minor ills is one thing; miracles, quite another.

Most impressive of all is the astounding medical anomaly that no one has become ill from visiting Lourdes, especially from bathing in the pool where the germ culture exceeds by many times that found in a medical laboratory. A team of Christians, agnostics and atheists pass judgment on whether cures at Lourdes qualify as miracles; i.e., events surpassing the powers of nature.

Coming down from the miracle meccas of Lourdes in France and Fatima in Portugal to the pedestrian level of "Pray for me to get well," where most people think in terms of minor healing, it is very difficult to find apt criteria for measuring a simple healing which would in no way qualify as a miracle.

Employing funding from the National Institutes of Health,

and without trying to define what kinds of healing might be beyond the pale and powers of nature, or miraculous, health investigators are trying to track what clear effects prayer may have on the progress of diseases such as breast cancer. For starters, all factors being equal, dozens of studies indicate that people who pray regularly and are involved in church have as much as a 46 percent better chance at better health and longer life. The key surely is the quality of life enhanced by a lessening of stress, agitation, loneliness and anxiety. This restriction of negative stress follows prayer which dumps the load on God.

Unrelated studies through the decades have shown repeatedly that patients who have relatives and/or friends supporting them enjoy a two to one, even three to one better chance of recovering from their illness. The basic reason for this, of course, is one and the same as the above: love, concern and sincere well-wishing which is always at least an implicit prayer.

Still, believe it or not, there is something far more impressive than any of such tests of well-wishing prayers. After all, people who know they are being prayed for may very well experience the placebo effect which, of course, is not a valid result of whatever product or power one is attempting to assess. So, how do we get around the uncertainty of the placebo effect?

By simply having the patients totally unaware that another or others are praying for them. There can be no placebo effect, no psychological working of mind over matter here. The simple equation is between the person who prays and God alone who hears the prayer. No third force can be at work.

To the huge surprise of those who ran the tests, patients recovered in significantly greater numbers where hospital workers secretly wished them the best in one survey. In a similar survey, patients showed equally startling recovery where people secretly prayed for their healing. To be sure, prayer for recovery hardly differs from heartfelt well-wishing except in name.

While health scientists are dangling from assorted limbs attempting to discern where faith and healing meet, faithful believers have had it right for an abundance of centuries. Jesus and Paul in particular speak convincingly about the necessity and the healing power of frequent, persevering prayer.

James sums it up well in chapter 5: "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven."



Reflections  
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## Diamondhead United Methodist Church news

## MOVIE NIGHT IS APRIL 4

Join us for Movie Night at Diamondhead United Methodist Church on Friday night, April 4, at 7 p.m. We'll watch a movie and hold a discussion afterwards. Snacks will be sold at our "concession stand". Everyone is welcome.

PALM SUNDAY  
PROCESSIONAL

Diamondhead United Methodist Church will have a palm procession at both its 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Services on Palm Sunday, April 13. Worshipers will be given palm branches as we remember Jesus' joyous and festive entry into Jerusalem.

EASTER CANTATA  
IS "MAJESTY"

The Heritage Choir of Diamondhead United Methodist Church invites you to attend their Easter Cantata, "Majesty."

The Cantata will include drama and a children's presentation. Come and celebrate Jesus' resurrection through powerful songs such as "Majesty," "Celebrate Jesus" and "Let There Be Glory, Honor and Praises." The Cantata will be performed on Sunday, April 13, at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary of the church.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Diamondhead United Methodist Church will hold special Holy Week Services on Thursday and Friday, April 17-18. The Maundy Thursday Service will be a Sedar Meal. This will be the Jewish Passover Meal Jesus and his Disciples celebrated on the last

night of Jesus' earthly life. It is a commemoration of God's freeing Israel from slavery in Egypt. The Sedar Meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 17. You must have a reservation to attend. Call 255-6888 to make your reservation. A Good Friday Tenebrae service will be held on Friday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. Tenebrae, which means "darkness", will consist of the extinguishing of candles and exiting in darkness.

CPR COURSE BEING  
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Did you know that 450,000 people die in the United States each year from heart attacks? Did you know that the survival rate for cardiac arrest decreases 50 percent after five minutes? Did you know that CPR in schools and public places help start the heart and restore breathing 50 percent of the time. Diamondhead United Methodist Church is sponsoring American Heart Association accredited CPR courses the first Thursday of each month. Morning and evening classes are available. George Johnson is the certified instructor. Cost is \$15 for the CPR class and \$2 for certification from the American Heart Association. All of us hope we'll never have to give CPR to a loved one or friend, but wouldn't it be great to know how? Call 228-255-6888 for class information and registration. The community is encouraged to participate.

Diamondhead United Methodist Church is located at 5305 Noma Drive in Diamondhead, Mississippi. Call

228-255-6888 for more information.

RESURRECTION EGG  
HUNT

Children of the Diamondhead community and surrounding area are invited to attend the Resurrection egg hunt at Diamondhead United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 19, at 2 p.m. The activities will begin with the making of "Easter Story Cookies." The hunt for Resurrection Eggs will be the next activity. Special prizes will be insider.

## EASTER SERVICES

Diamondhead United Methodist Church and Diamondhead Baptist Church

will hold a joint Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 20, beginning at 6:30 a.m. The Sunrise Service will be held at the Twin Lakes Pavilion. Following the Sunrise Service, worshippers will be treated to a Pancake Breakfast at Diamondhead United Methodist Church. Serving will begin at approximately 7:15 a.m. A "Flowering Cross" will be placed near the entrance of Diamondhead United Methodist Church on Easter Sunday. Worshippers are invited to bring fresh flowers to place on the cross. The regular 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. services will be held on Easter Sunday.

## Church News from St. Ann's -St. John's

Fr. John Kelly, Pastor (228-467-4746)

Mass schedule as follows:  
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Sunday masses: St. John  
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weekday masses (St. Ann's)  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,  
Friday - 8:30 a.m. - Wed. 6:30  
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Visitors are always welcome  
April 7 - CCD Classes K thru  
5, 3-4:30 p.m. Grades, 6-12 -  
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RICA Class - 7 p.m.  
During Lent daily Mass will  
be celebrated in Church instead  
of the Chapel Wednesday's dur-  
ing Lent, Mass and Stations of

the Cross will be at 6 p.m. at  
St. Ann's

The Parish Mission given by  
Father John Israel will start on  
Saturday, April 13th through  
Easter Sunday, April 20th.

The services will be Monday  
and Tuesday 8:30 a.m. and 7:30  
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Anointing of the sick special  
Mass will be on Wednesday,  
April 16 at 10 a.m.

The Sacrament of  
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Wednesday, April 16 from 6:30-  
7:30 p.m. followed by Mass.

Triduum Services, April 17,  
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Mardi Gras was an educational experience for the students in Mrs. Gex's first-grade class at East Hancock Elementary. The children designed shoebox floats based on their favorite book. They wrote story summaries on oversize colored paper that was cut in the shape of parade floats. They played Mardi Gras Bingo and they made and decorated miniature king cakes. Representing the class as royalty were King Brendan Ryan and Queen Maty Davis.  
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## CAP -- flying the homefront

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incorporated almost 150,000 men and women, all volunteers, who were dubbed the Flying Minutemen during World War II. In 1948 it became a permanent civilian auxiliary of the Air Force.

During WW II CAP pilots flew more than 24 million miles of coastal patrol, flying more than half a million hours, and summoned help for ships in distress and survivors of submarine attacks. Patrol crews spotted enemy submarines, bombed many and received credit for sinking or seriously damaging at least two. Many others were destroyed by help summoned by CAP radio personnel. But these figures tell only a small part of the role played by the CAP during the war.

They are also credited with running Nazi U-boats from U.S. coastal waters.

But all the members of the Civil Air Patrol are not pilots and being a pilot is not a requirement to be a volunteer. The CAP promotes aerospace education, emergency services, including search and rescue missions, and promotes aviation in general, said Hornosky. CAP members who are not pilots may serve as lookouts, navigators, educators and more. Currently the squadron is looking to recruit a radio communications person.

The CAP is the right arm of the Air Force Rescue

Coordination Center, performing more than 90 percent of search and rescue for both the civilian and military sector, all at about 20 percent of the cost, because of volunteers, Hornosky said.

When an Emergency Locator Transmitter, which is standard equipment in all planes, sounds a signal, it is the CAP who begin the search for a possible downed plane.

The Diamondhead Squadron recently assisted in several rescues of boats in distress in the Mississippi Sound and are under a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Coast Guard, flying to assist the Guard when asked. Last spring and summer, with funding from Harrison County, the squadron flew what they call the Sundown Patrol.

CAP pilots patrolled the coast on weekends and holidays, during the last couple of hours before sunset, on the lookout for boaters who may have become stranded. This month the squadron will go before the Harrison County Board of Supervisors in hopes of a renewed partnership with Harrison County. They will also appear before the Hancock County Board of Supervisors in hopes of forming a new partnership to perform the service in Hancock County.

"The Sundown Patrol is a

valuable resource to ensure boater safety", said Hornosky, "At a bargain price because the funding goes only to cover the cost of maintaining the aircraft. The pilot and observer donate their services."

CAP Squadrons typically consist of a Senior and a Cadet Wing. To become a senior member you must be at least 18 years old, a legal U.S. resident or citizen, have no felony or misdemeanor convictions and have an interest in aviation.

At present, the Diamondhead Squadron only has a Senior Wing. But members would like that to change if they can drum up enough interest among area young people. To become a cadet you must be at least 12 years old and have graduated from the sixth grade, not married, not on active military duty, be a legal resident or citizen, and no felony or misdemeanor convictions and have an interest in aviation and leader-

ship. A young person may remain a cadet until age 21, but they must not be over 18 to join.

Cadet training is a four phase program. Cadets first learn basic military drill, customs and courtesies. In phase two cadets begin training in complex drill maneuvers and command. During this phase cadets have the opportunity to earn a staff position and a commission as a cadet officer. Cadets obtaining the commission may receive advanced standing should they choose to join the Air Force. In phase three cadets concentrate on learning leadership qualities. In phase four cadets are readied for senior status.

If you are interested in learning more about the CAP much information is available on the web. To inquire about the local squadron call Hornosky at 467-8030 or the Diamondhead Airport at 255-0502.

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STUDIO APARTMENT WITH WATER, pet-free, \$300/month. 332-0616 or 586-5897.

TOTAL ELECTRIC 2BDRM 1BATH, W/D Hookup, Ctr. H/A/C, Fenced Patio. \$450 mo. plus Deposit. 586-0053.

2BR. TRAILER: STOVE, refrigerator, Carpet, Lg yard \$395/mo., \$200/dep. 467-2947. 342-0269 6426 Lower Bay Rd.

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## 148 Mobile Homes For Rent

3/BEDROOM, NEWLY Renovated in country setting, 5 minutes from B.S.L., fresh paint, new floors, screen porch. \$500/month plus deposit. 228-467-1950.

COUNTRY LIVING: NORTH HANCOCK County Ceasar-Necaise Road. 2br., 1ba., \$345/month. 3br., 2ba., \$445/month. Small 2bedroom, 1bath, \$300. Deposit required. Over looking lake. 228-255-4067.

FURNISHED/UNFURNISHED 2bedroom, weekly/monthly. With or without utilities. Laundry. Cable available. Pet free environment. Pearlington, MS. 228-533-7001.

## 149 Mobile Homes For Sale

FOR SALE HOUSE TRAILER: WHY Rent? \$2000/down, \$513.88/month you move you into a 1998 3 br. 2 bath mobile home on 4 lots, nice yard, ready to move in. City water & sewer, excellent condition. 228-255-0006, 216-0964, 601-916-4189.

PICAYUNE AREA: 2002 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, Take over note. 228-493-5185.

WHY RENT? \$2000.00/DOWN, \$478.00/month can move you into a 2000 3 bedroom, 2 bath Mobile home on large lot. Ready to move in. City water & sewer. Excellent condition. 1-601-916-4189, 228-255-0006, 216-0964.

## 150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

2 BEDROOM COTTAGE FOR RENT: \$395/month, \$395/deposit. 467-6533. Ask for Mike.

2-1/2 BEDROOM 2 BATH, Central a/h, screen porch, carport, smoke free, walk to beach. \$750.00 plus deposit. Available 04/01. 466-9552.

2BR/1BA, \$500/MONTH, close to Casino. Call 467-9278.

2BR/2BA, SCREENED PORCH, central a/h, kitchen appliance, w/d hookups, 1/2 block from beach, BSL, pet free, \$700/month, \$500/deposit. 467-4138.

3BR/2-FULL BATHS, FENCED yard, close to beach, all electric, pet/smoke free. \$750/month, \$750/deposit (352)394-4782.

3BR/2BA HOUSE IN WAVELAND. Quiet neighborhood, near beach. St. Clare. \$600/mo. Available April 1, 255-9588.

6176 S. BEACH 3BR/2BA DECK Overlooks Gulf. \$600/mo, lease. Call (504)391-9903.

B.S.L. 3BR/1BA. DINING, kitchen, pantry, stove, ref. Water paid. Office. Modern. \$675/month, plus deposit. 452-4700.

CARROLL AVE., SMALL 2BR/1BA Duplex. Quiet location pet/smoke/free. Lease. Rent plus deposit. Saltfish Realty. 466-9947.

CATCH THE BEACH BREEZES from this just renovated 2/3 bdrm home. Cntrl h/air, corner lot, \$525 mo Pet free Key Properties 467-0600.

FOR RENT: 3BR/2BA, new construction, 168 & 172 Felicly, \$775, 803 Spanish Acres Dr. 3BR/2BA \$600/month; 405-A Citizen St. Townhome. 3BR/2-1/2BA \$850. Call Chari at McIntyre Rapp Real Estate. 467-3777.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA FOR \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

RAISED 2BD ALL ELECTRIC AC/Heat, stove and refrigerator furnished. Carpeted, very clean. 1 year lease. References required. Sewer and water furnished. \$500/dep, \$600/month. 6183 2nd St. off Harbor Dr., 467-8287.

SPANISH ACRES: 3 BEDROOM, 2 full baths, fenced yard. \$650/month plus deposit. 467-4987.

## 156 Lots/Acreage

150X150 CLEARED LOT, WAVELAND AREA off Margie St. \$18,500. 466-2641 or 216-5968.

2 50X100 OR 1 100X100 WATERFRONT LOT on Manhattan St. in Riverview near the Jordanian River. Call 493-9857 or 466-9857.

HENLEY PLACE, BAY ST. LOUIS, MS. Extra large corner lot, blocks from the beach. In well known area, with nice homes. \$19,500. Call (985)781-8400.

NICE WATERFRONT LOT in Shoreline Park, \$13,000. Owner finance \$2600 down, 10% interest \$221/month, 5 years. Owner/agent. 669-4444 or 255-0403.

OWNER FINANCE: NICE BUILDING LOT, Pine Ridge, Waveland, \$19,000. Gold Coast, 228-467-4479.

PRIME LOCATION RIGHT OFF Old Spanish Trail. 2.3 acres or 14 lots. Ryan St. Call Lori, Coldwell Banker. 228-216-2002.

PROPERTY FOR SALE: 4 LOTS, back to back, street to street, 23rd Street, Shoreline Park, \$8000, Also 2 lots, East Issaquena St., Bayside Park, \$3000. 467-2091.

WHITE CYPRESS LAKES: OWNER financing. Beautiful acreage lots, waterfront, trailer lots, pool, clubhouse, tennis courts, and fishing. Ten miles east of I-59, Carriere area. Thirty miles from Bay St. Louis. 228-255-1790.

## 158 Commercial Property

20 COMMERCIAL LOTS FOR SALE: 100'x200' total, on Hwy. 603. \$42,500 for both. 467-9545 or 466-2505.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY: 415 Necaise, BSL, \$225/month. Call for info. 467-9278.

## 158 Commercial Property

FOR RENT: 2 ROOM UPSTAIRS OFFICE, near Courthouse, 142 Main St. B.S.L. 601-798-4415.

NEW OFFICE SUITES AVAILABLE in Diamondhead. \$250/month, utilities included. Call Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE available: Choctaw Village, Waveland MS. Phone 228-255-4396 or Pager 228-883-8554.

PRUDENTIAL GARDNER: Excellent office location, 1015 Hwy. 90. 2 units available. Close to Hancock Medical Center. Terms negotiable. Call for info/appointment. 467-1602.

SHOP AREA 864 SQ. FT., \$300/MONTH Corner of Sycamore & Hancock BSL. Electric included. 332-0616 or 586-5897.

## 159 Houses For Sale

2BR/1BA. JUST REMODELED. New appliances, window treatments, Berber carpet, wood floors in kitchen, new cabinets, new bath, one block off the bay. \$68,500. 228-466-5800, Call 228-363-0313

3 YEAR OLD, 2503 SQ.FT. Custom built home in Waveland with many extras. \$139,000. 228-466-3566.

COUNTRY HOME: 2 BDRM 2 BA w/cntrl heat/a/c on 2.6 park-like acres close to I-10. \$58,900. Key Properties. 467-0800.

CUTE 3BR NEWLY RENOVATED priced to sell. \$48,000 302 Sandy St. Waveland Gold Coast (228)-467-4479.

DIAMONDHEAD 3BR/2BA: Dinnin-room, breakfast, living room, many more amenities, 2523 sq.ft. On golf course. \$219,000. Agent 883-8554.

I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR PROPERTY, any condition. Will pay all closing cost. Agents protected. O/A. (504)908-7653.

NEW CONSTRUCTION: 3BR/2BA, double garage, tray ceiling/living-room & master bedroom, fireplace, alarm system, 1886sq/ft. 125 Marie Lane, Waveland. \$112,000. 467-5691.

OLD CONVENT TO BE MOVED off lot. 301 S. Necaise, Bay St. Louis, built 1927, frame, 2 story, total 5626 sq.ft. Ceiling 9.5' and 11', 10 br, 3 ba, lg kit. Call 467-7347. Make offer.

WALK TO BEACH: 1 ACRE PLUS. 1br/5a, new a/c, \$57,300. 120 Cedar Point Road off Dunbar. Gold Coast, 228-467-4479.

WATERFRONT 2 NEW Beautiful homes w/docks, decks \$97,000 each. Also 1 acre waterfront only \$28,000. By owner 467-1966.

## 161 Condo Rental/Sale

1500 SQ. FT. TOWNHOUSE/Condo in Waveland. Balcony over looks Gulf, completely redone, 2bd/2-1/2ba, furnished, double carport and storage area, \$145,000. Possible owner finance. Call 985-641-9022/985-649-7093.

## Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. PLAINTIFFS  
VERSUS  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, JERRY AND BARBARA PICHON, if alive, who are believed to be non-residents of the state of Mississippi, whose last known and present address, both post office and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, their unknown heirs at law or devisees;  
ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND: DEFENDANT  
Lot 16, Block 9, Unit 4-A of Block 12, Diamondhead, Phase 2, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, at pages 30-32, inclusive in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

CAUSE NO. 2002-877  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
TO: GARY M. HENNINGER, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of the state of Mississippi, whose last known and present address, both post office and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, his unknown heirs at law or devisees;  
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YOU are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to: Joseph Kelly, Southern Title Company, Inc., whose address is 827 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 3-30-03, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

YOU must also file the original of your response with the clerk of the Court within a reasonable time after said date.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court, this the 28th day of March 2003.

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK  
P.O. BOX 550  
BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39521  
BY: Erica Candebat  
DEPUTY CLERK

PREPARED BY:  
Joseph Kelly, (MS Bar No. 9975)  
SOUTHERN TITLE COMPANY, INC.  
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Bay St. Louis, MS 39520  
Telephone (228)467-3422  
03/30; 04/06; 04/13/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANITA RITA MENDOZA COLEMAN, PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Letters of Administration having been granted on the 14th day of March, 2003, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the clerk of this court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.

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PREPARED BY:  
JESSICA SIBLEY UPshaw  
JESSICA SIBLEY UPshaw & ASSOCIATES  
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520  
Telephone (228)467-3607  
1912 21ST AVENUE  
GULFPORT, MS 39506-6607  
(228)967-8005  
State Bar No.: 5771  
03/16; 03/23; 03/30/03

## Public Notices

CAUSE NO. 2003-100  
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY D. MURPHY, SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
TO: The unknown or known heirs at law and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of the Estate of Timothy D. Murphy. You are hereby summoned to appear to show cause why Madison Margaret Murphy and Malory Elizabeth Murphy should not be adjudicated as the sole heirs of the estate of the decedent, Timothy D. Murphy, as fully set out in the petition on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

YOU are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. in the 23rd day of May, 2003, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Court-house Annex at 506 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

YOU are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court, this the 18th day of March, 2003.

(SEAL) TIM KELLAR  
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi  
BY: Pamela Cuevas, D.C.

GEX AND ARTIGUES  
Ronald J. Artigues, Jr.  
MS Bar No. 8513  
Lucien M. Gex, Jr.  
MS Bar No. 4809  
700 Highway 90, Suite A  
P.O. Box 550  
Waveland, MS 39576  
Telephone (228) 467-5426  
Facsimile (228) 467-3258  
3/23; 3/30; 4/6/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. PLAINTIFFS  
VERSUS  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, JERRY AND BARBARA PICHON, if alive, who are believed to be non-residents of the state of Mississippi, whose last known and present address, both post office and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, their unknown heirs at law or devisees;

ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND: DEFENDANT  
Lot 16, Block 7, Unit 5, Diamondhead, Phase 2, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, at pages 38-40, inclusive in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

CAUSE NO. 2003-129  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
TO: JERRY AND BARBARA PICHON, if alive, who are believed to be non-residents of the state of Mississippi, whose last known and present address, both post office and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, their unknown heirs at law or devisees;

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YOU are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to: Joseph Kelly, Southern Title Company, Inc., whose address is 827 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 3-16-03, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

YOU must also file the original of your response with the clerk of the Court within a reasonable time after said date.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court, this the 12th day of March, 2003.

(SEAL) TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK  
P.O. BOX 550, BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39521  
BY: Erica Candebat  
DEPUTY CLERK

PREPARED BY:  
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03/16; 03/23; 03/30/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. PLAINTIFFS  
VERSUS  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, SHIRLEY JANE HUGHES, ANY AND ALL OTHER, PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND: DEFENDANT  
Lot 16, Block 9, Unit 4-A of Block 12, Diamondhead, Phase 2, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, at pages 30-32, inclusive in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

CAUSE NO. 2003-130  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
TO: SHIRLEY JANE HUGHES, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of the state of Mississippi, whose last known and present address, both post office and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, her unknown heirs at law or devisees;

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ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court, this the 26th day of March, 2003.

(SEAL) TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK  
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BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39521  
BY: Erica Candebat  
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03/30; 04/06; 04/13/03

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANITA RITA MENDOZA COLEMAN, PETITIONER

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THIRTEEN (13) DAYS OF MARCH 4, D. 2003.  
THERESA MENDOZA COLEMAN, ADMINISTRATRIX

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VERSUS  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, LEE R. JONES, ANY AND ALL OTHER, PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND: DEFENDANT  
Lot 41, Block 9, Unit 6, Diamondhead, Phase 2, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, at page 11, inclusive in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

CAUSE NO. 2003-131  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
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To begin, use a measuring tape to determine the space you will have to work with. For a typical reach-in closet, the length of the walls, ceiling height and depth will impact the unit you decide on, and the width of a walk in closet also has to be taken into consideration.

"After your work space has been determined you then want to customize it by deciding on the types of units you need to install to meet the needs of your lifestyle," says Doug Fritsch, Home Improvement Expert with 84 Lumber Company.

A wide range of choices are available such as drawer systems that are perfect for storing items that usually do not hang or sit on shelves such as belts, socks, and purses.

Wardrobe shelving is a unit used where both storage and hanging space is required, there is a shelf stack that can be used for storing sweaters, blankets and linens, and double hung shelves also help in doubling your storage space for skirts, suits, and shirts.

With your options in units and using your imagination you can create workable

storage space in other areas of your home such as kitchen pantry's and laundry and utility rooms.

To install the unit, you need to determine what type of hardware is needed which is all based on the type of material it will be attached too.

Wall types can range from drywall, plywood, paneling, concrete and solid wood. Be sure to check with the manufacturers directions for the recommended anchors. If your unit needs to, be cut, it can easily be done so with

either a hack-saw or bolt-cutter. "it is recommended to cut in one inch increments and installing the cut side closest to the wall," says Fritsch.

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When drought hits an area, homeowners are often asked to conserve water wherever possible, especially in the garden. However there's no need to panic when watering restrictions are imposed and you certainly don't need to wait for your local government to implement a drought preparedness plan. With the right tools, you can make your plants and trees less vulnerable to drought at any time.

One way you can plan ahead to defeat drought is by using a deep-watering system. In some places, like Denver, the city government is encouraging homeowners to use deep watering systems, like the ROSS® Root Feeder for example, to preserve the health of their trees and shrubs.

This deep-feeding system is designed to water and fertilize below the surface, where active roots grow. This process minimizes water evaporation and run-off, allowing you to keep your trees and shrubs healthy while conserving water.

Using the root feeding system is easy; all you do is connect the feeder to an everyday garden hose and insert the feed tube into the soil around the plant's drip line. Water flows through the feed tube directly into the soil - right to the roots. During normal weather conditions, ROSS Fertilizer Refills can be used in the fertilizer chamber of the system to deliver nutrients and water directly to the roots. However, fertilization is not recommended during drought.

Another way to make the most of a limited water supply is to use a landscape fabric. The fabrics are great for increasing your plants' chances of survival during a

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# Underground Pests Can Be Eliminated Quickly

Study shows new product eliminates rodents in five to seven minutes

A variety of underground pests invade homeowner and farm properties each day across the United States, presenting a frustrating dilemma to those besieged with moles, gophers, voles, ground-hogs (woodchucks), rats, chipmunks, ground squirrels, skunks, muskrats, armadillos, prairie dogs and snakes.

Now, the balance of power in these rodent wars has shifted with the development of a safe, effective and humane solution to help homeowners defend their properties.

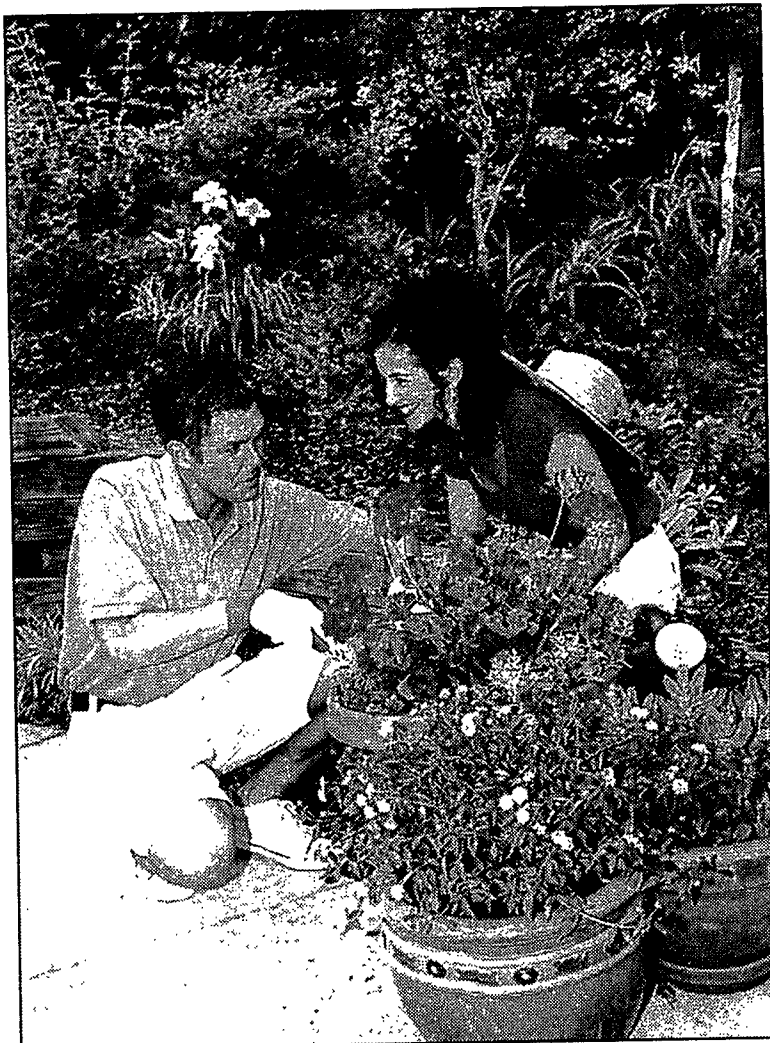
A study done by a U.S. veterinary organization found that gasoline engine exhaust kills rodents, "in 5 to 7 minutes without pain or discomfort."

Taking advantage of this new information, a patented product, the Underground Exterminator, releases pressurized, odorless carbon monoxide fumes into the underground burrows of these pests to quickly and permanently put them to sleep.

With poison and traps, a rodent needs to discover them and even then, they often avoid consumption or contact. Another method, gas bombs, is sulfur-based and has a strong odor from which rodents will run.

This cone-shaped device, made of high-density, heat-resistant rubber, easily connects a garden hose to the exhaust pipe of your car, truck or tractor.

The other end of the hose is inserted into the pest's burrow and the vehicle is then started. The unique shape of the unit protects the hose and maximizes pressure through the hose to ensure the burrow is extensively penetrated while running the vehicle for



Homeowners are discovering an easy and humane way to defend their property against frustrating underground pests.

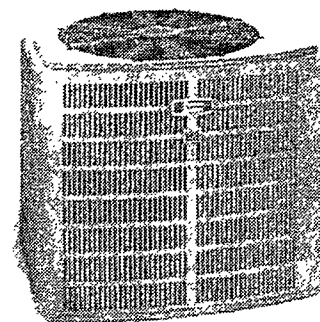
15 to 30 minutes to solve the problem.

This solution eliminates more than one pest at a time and can be reused every year, without poisoning other wildlife.

"I watched my yard being destroyed by underground rodents," says Kevin Squire, owner of Danville Hardware in California. "I tried everything in my store and nothing worked until I used this creative device."

Homeowners are finding this solution at national hardware chains for under \$15 — True Value (646-919), Do-It-Best (708078) and ACE (7094147) — by bringing this article to their local hardware store.

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## Practice Safety While at Work on Lawn, Garden and Home Projects

Whether you're clipping, cutting, mulching or mowing, chances are you'll be using motorized equipment or tools for your spring cleaning, lawn and garden maintenance or home improvement projects.

While powerful electric or gasoline motors with whirling metal blades or grinding razor-sharp teeth make many household chores easier, they can also make them dangerous.

In the United States, approximately 78,000 people make hospital visits each year because of lawn mower mishaps; an estimated 84,000 victims are treated in emergency rooms after power saw accidents and more than 90,000 injuries occur with lawn and garden equipment.

The safety professional at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) recommend that you follow these safety precautions when using lawn and garden equipment and power saws:

### LAWN MOWERS

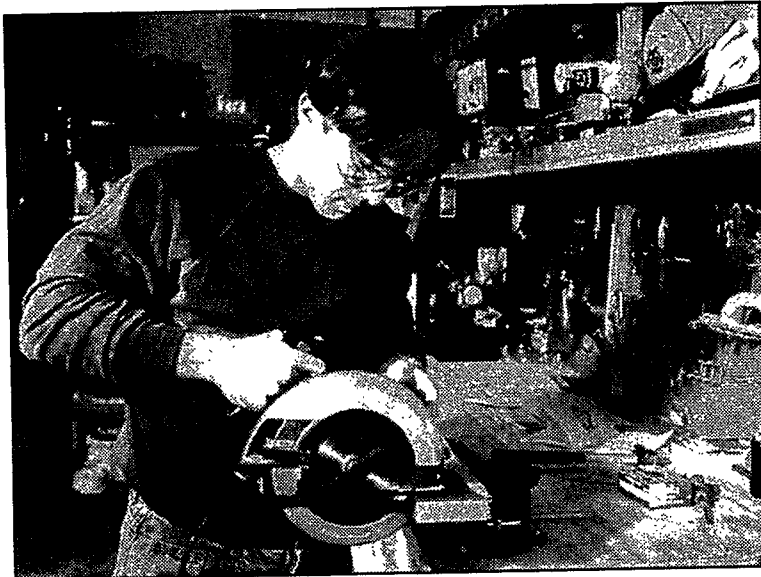
- Before operating your mower, make sure you read the owner's manual thoroughly, noting all safety and operating instructions. Learn the controls well enough to stop the machine quickly in an emergency.

- If you have a gasoline-fueled mower, store the gas in a safety can. Fill the mower outside, away from possible ignition sources. Before starting the mower, be sure it is on level ground and disengage all clutches.

- Always start the mower outdoors. Never operate the mower where carbon monoxide can collect, such as in a closed garage, storage shed or basement.

- Electrically powered lawn mowers should not be used on wet grass. Use an extension cord designed for the outdoors and rated for the power needs of your mower. To reduce the risk of cutting the cord while you're mowing, start mowing in the area nearest the electrical outlet, then mow away from the outlet so the power cord will be behind you.

- Make sure all safety guards are in place and keep the mower's blades sharp. If you



It's important to put safety first when using power saws and other lawn and garden tools.

do hit a foreign object or have a mower malfunction, turn off the mower and disconnect the power cord before inspecting for damage.

- Keep your hands and feet away from the mower's blades. Never reach under the mower while it's in operation, and make all adjustments with the motor off.

- Safe footwear is important, especially with walk-behind mowers. Your shoes should provide good traction to reduce slipping and have sturdy soles to resist punctures. Never work barefoot, in sandals or in canvas shoes.

- Never leave a lawn mower on while unattended. Curious children, eager to help, may get injured.

### LAWN AND GARDEN TOOLS

- Before using any appliance or tool, read and follow the manufacturer's use and care instructions.

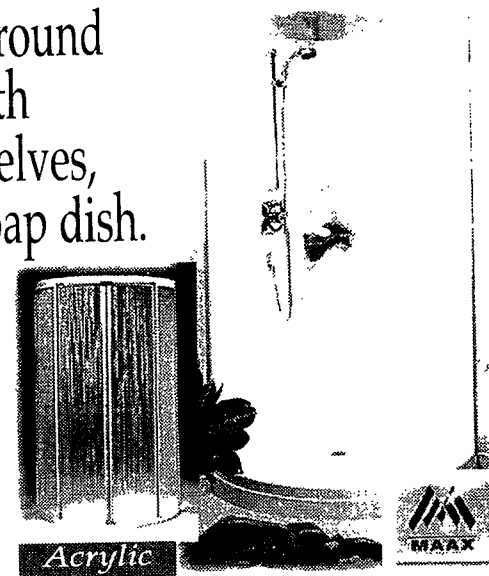
- Always look for the familiar UL Listing Mark before purchasing a power tool, garden appliance or any other electrical product.

The seal indicates the product has been tested for fire, electric shock and related safety hazards.

- Before each use, inspect power tools and electric garden appliances for frayed power cords and cracked or broken casings. If the product is damaged, don't use it or attempt to

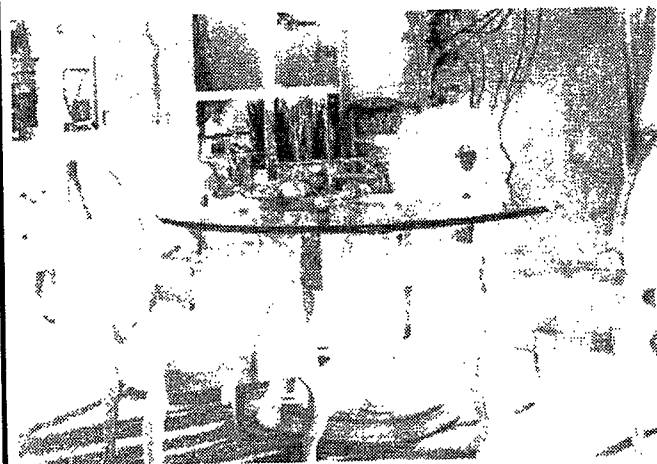
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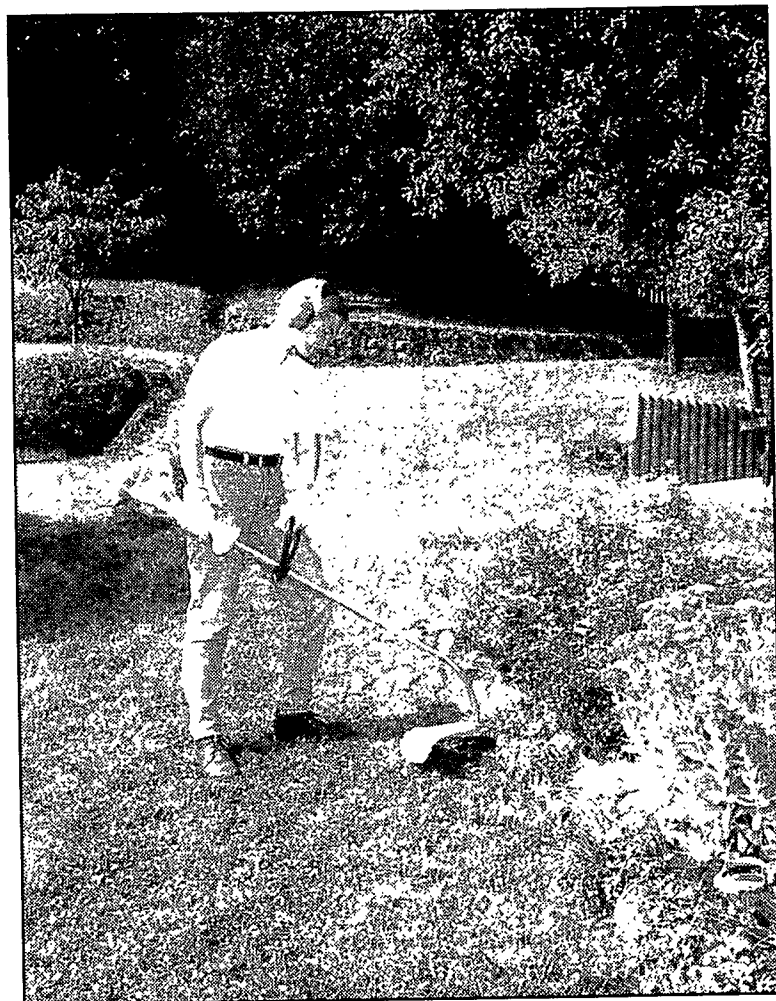
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## Safety is Always in Fashion for Yard Work



No matter if you are using a power lawn mower, trimmer, chain saw, leaf blower or riding mower, proper dress can make your job easier and safer.

The most important looks for spring aren't only appearing on the runways of Paris or Milan. Some can be found right in your own backyard — if you remember to be fashionably safe for yard work.

Whether you are using a power lawn mower, trimmer, chain saw, leaf blower or riding mower, proper dress can make your job easier and safer. The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute offers this advice:

Make sure that your clothes are close-fitting and will not be caught in a moving part. Wearing long pants will protect your legs, and sturdy shoes are a must for protecting your feet when working with outdoor power equipment. Gloves and safety glasses are also essential.

If you are using a chain saw, make sure to also wear logger's pants, made from a sturdy, protective material or

chaps. Always wear a cap or hat; a safety hard hat is recommended when you work under trees. And wear heavy duty, non-slip gloves for an improved grip.

Remember to safeguard your ears as well. Noise-induced hearing loss is one of the most common work injuries, but it is preventable. If you have to significantly raise your voice to talk over your equipment, you should be wearing some sort of protection.

If your ears start ringing, they are likely being exposed to noise levels that are too high for too long a period of time. Protect them by wearing special earmuffs. They'll reduce harmful noise levels without blocking your hearing entirely.

You can find more yard work safety tips and other helpful yard care product information at the OPEI Web site at [www.opei.org](http://www.opei.org)

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## Conditioned Soil is Key to Making Beds Bloom

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Ask any sleep expert: The perfect bed is a precise combination of many elements, from mattress to box spring to blankets. Flowers need comfortable beds, too.

The right plants, the exact amount of sun and water, the perfect location — all are crucial to helping flower beds prosper. Many gardeners have the basics down, but it's easy to forget about what may be the most crucial element of a healthy garden: conditioned soil.

With properly conditioned soil as a foundation, you can create gardens of just about any color, shape or size. Well-conditioned soil has plenty of organic matter in it, which allows it to hold moisture, reduce runoff, let air get down to the roots and release nutrients as they're needed.

The best source of organic matter is Canadian peat moss, which loosens heavy clay soil, adds body to sandy soil and saves water by absorbing moisture. To create your own healthy, conditioned soil, spread about 1 to

2 inches of Canadian Sphagnum peat moss onto your flower bed, then dig the peat into the top 6 inches of soil.

Canadian peat moss is a sustainable resource. Only one acre in every 6,000 is harvested and when harvesting stops, the bogs are restored to functioning peatlands.

For more information on peat moss, visit the CSPMA Web site at [www.peatmoss.com](http://www.peatmoss.com).

### Easy Ideas for Beautiful Flower Beds

From azaleas to zinnias, dazzling flower beds provide beautiful splashes of color, scintillating scents and a place to put your green thumb to work. Following are a few ideas to help you create beds that will be the perfect outdoor accent for your home, courtesy of the gardening experts at the Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss Association (CSPMA).

Traditional flower beds remain popular, but there are other options. Consider lining your driveway or sidewalk with a colorful border. It's a

great way to spruce up a cement slab and to provide an abundance of fragrance and splendor to enjoy every day. Or try a raised bed, which puts everything in a self-contained, custom-built space that makes it easy to care for and walk around. This kind of bed is perfect if your area's soil isn't up to snuff — or if you just don't want to kneel in the dirt.

The flowers you choose are a big part of your bed's make-up, and a layer of prepared, conditioned soil is the "security blanket" plants need to really blossom. Annuals offer maximum flexibility. Since they only last one season, you're free to start from scratch the following year. Perennials, known for their dependability, variety and relatively easy-to-care-for manner, survive the winter and return the following year.

Whatever type of plants you choose, tucking them into a cozy layer of healthy, conditioned soil will help them thrive, snug in their beds. For a flower gardening brochure and other free brochures on "How-to With Peat Moss,"

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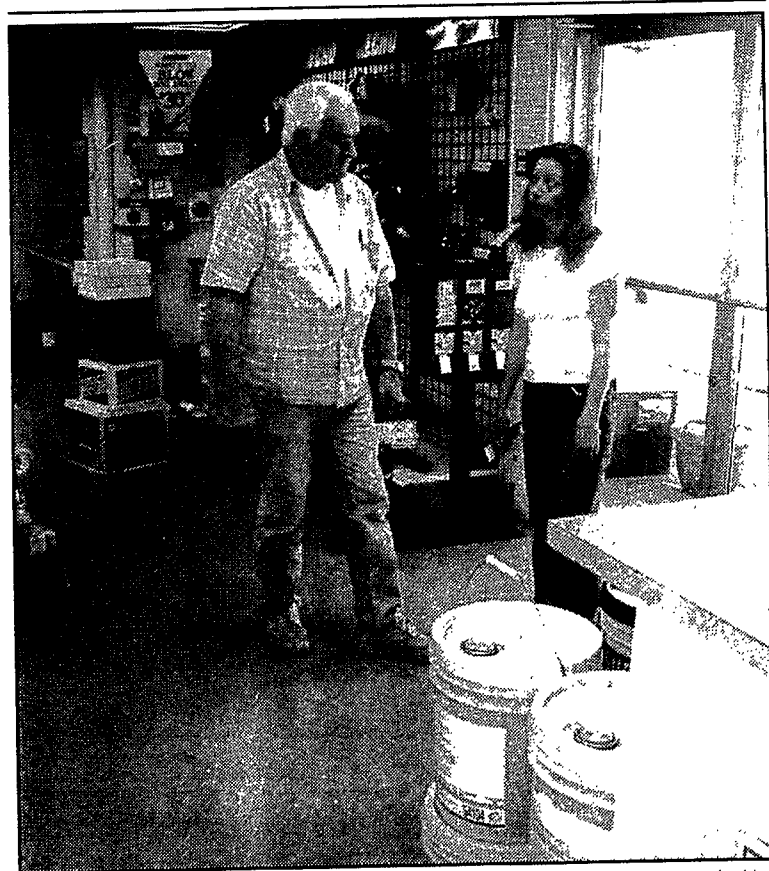
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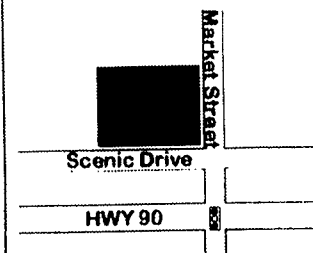
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# 'Branch Out' Into Tree Ownership

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Trees are one of nature's greatest gifts, especially for homeowners.

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However, to ensure your tree will have a long and healthy life, it's best to decide what kind of tree you want before you buy.

First of all, spring and fall are the best times to plant a tree. The mild, wet weather during these two seasons is the least stressful for a tree. It is no coincidence that Arbor Day is in April, one of the wettest months of the year.

Now that you know the ideal time to plant a tree, you'll need to determine what you want from your tree and where it should go on your lawn. To avoid problems, do this before you go to the nursery to buy the tree.

Take a walk around your yard. Would you like a nice shady area on your lawn or patio? Do you want to improve the look of your property with a tree that provides sweet-smelling flowers in the spring or has beautiful autumn hues? Would you like to attract more songbirds to your yard? Do you want a tree sturdy enough for a tree house or child's swing?

Many trees can satisfy all of these needs, but be mindful of the tree's height and width at maturity when selecting where to plant it. If you have a small yard or low power lines, you don't want to purchase a tree that will grow to a massive height. Also, ask yourself how much maintenance you want to do with

your tree. If you don't like raking leaves, then an oak tree probably isn't the tree for you.

Also, some trees bear fruits that can stain or can be downright stinky when crushed. You want to be sure to avoid planting these trees near sidewalks, patios and other surfaces.

Now that you know what you need from a tree, you should purchase the best type you can find. The tree should have lots of vigor — not wilting or containing a lot of dead branches.

Also, avoid nonbiodegradable materials on the tree's root ball, such as plastic or nylon. These materials don't degrade and could eventually girdle the tree and kill it. Ideally, the root ball of the tree should be in a burlap bag tied with twine.

Once you are home with your new tree, prepare the hole about 6 to 12 inches larger than the root ball. Remember, don't plant the tree too close to your home's foundation and don't remove the tree from the burlap bag.

While digging the hole, be sure not to dig too deep. When you place the tree in the hole, you should be able to see the flare of the tree, where the trunk flares out at ground level.

After backfilling the hole, water the tree with a good slow soaking. On average, your tree should get an inch of water per week, either from rain or from a sprinkler.

Now that you are a tree owner, you want to remember to keep your tree watered, prune any dead branches, mulch around the trunk and keep an eye out for any signs of disease or insect infestation. Following these simple guidelines will help ensure that your tree lives a long and healthy life.

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# Know How to Properly Prune

For the homeowner, a tree is an investment. One of the best ways to protect your investment is by pruning the tree's branches.

Pruning may seem like an easy task, but it is a job best left to a professional arborist. A bad pruning job can cause even more problems than not pruning at all. But you can help your arborist by assessing your tree's problem areas.

## PRUNING REASONS

1. To preserve the tree's health by taking out diseased or insect-infected damage
2. To reduce safety hazards, such as broken or dead branches, and to clear branches from wires
3. To promote the tree's structure for future growth

as it matures. For example, branches that are rubbing together should be removed.

## WHEN TO PRUNE

There's no wrong time to prune, but an ideal time is late winter before the new spring growth. You get a good picture of the branch structure at this time of year because the leaves are off.

Also, because a lot of people only think about their trees in the summer, late winter tends to be the busiest season for arborists. You can be a smart tree owner and a frugal one, too, by scheduling tree maintenance during the winter. Ask for a winter discount.

## TIPS FOR PROPER PRUNING

While a certified profes-

sional arborist will know the proper pruning techniques, it is also a good idea to know a thing or two yourself.

- You always want a clean cut with no peeling bark. Never twist a branch off, as this will prevent proper healing and make the tree susceptible to disease and harmful insects.

- Never put anything over the wound of a tree. Years ago, people would put tar, cement or paint on the cuts and wounds of trees as home remedies. Research has shown that these foreign materials actually hinder the healing of the tree and cause far more harm than good.

Remember, pruning is best done in late winter, but if you have a potential safety hazard, call a professional immediately.

# Tulips Top Off Your Garden in Style

Each spring, you look forward to the vibrant hues of the tulips you planted last fall.

From golden yellow to deep purple, tulips are one of the only flowers to command such a wide range of the rainbow.

These beauties can add elegance to landscapes from as early as February to as late as June. All it takes are the right conditions and some attentiveness.

These tips from "The Old Farmer's Almanac Gardener's Companion" (Yankee), can help keep your tulips in bloom.

1. Plant your tulip bulbs as soon as you get them and water the bulbs directly after planting. Tulips are fickle flora. While bulbs despise continually wet conditions, they need water to start growing.

2. Once your tulip bulbs are snug under the earth, don't assume they are out of harm's way. If mice and moles have been a problem, put thorny leaves like holly in the planting holes.

For those who need to take stronger measures against these rodents, planting bulbs in a wire cage may be the best solution.

3. Conditions like wet soil promote fungus and disease, which can rot bulbs. Tulips need to be surrounded by earth that is dry or soil that is not continually damp.

4. Tulips should be planted deep — at least 8 inches deep — measuring from the base of the bulb. Remember, it's important to dig even deeper than this suggested depth to loosen the soil and allow for greater drainage.

5. When you plant them, feed them. This goes for perennial tulips. Bulbs are resilient; they have a storage system containing all their necessary nutrients for one year.

Feeding them in the fall promotes growth for the upcoming year. Gardeners recommend time-release bulb food, compost or organic material.

Here's a last hint for perennial tulips. The success of planting one fall and having these flowers bloom continually each spring depends on your climate. Tulips grow best in arid areas.

If you live in a rainy part of the country, it will be necessary to have a great drainage system to keep

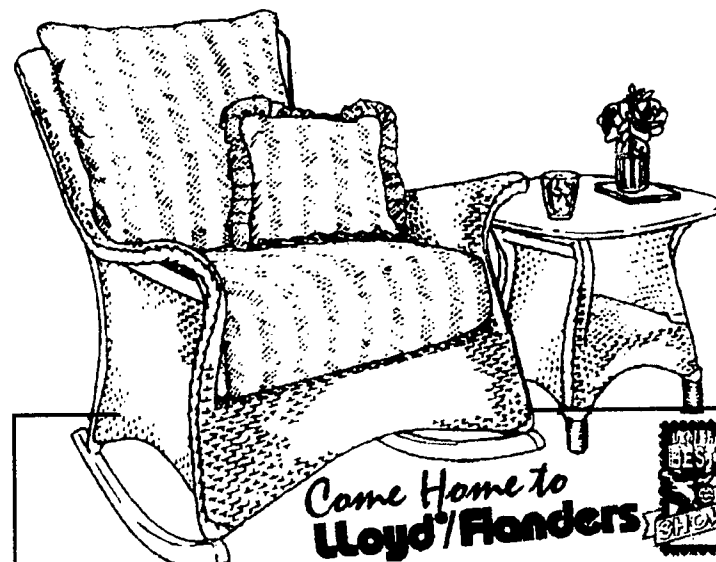
your tulips happy year after year. It may be to your advantage to plant a wide variety of the bulbs annually to have these beauties bloom from early spring until early summer.

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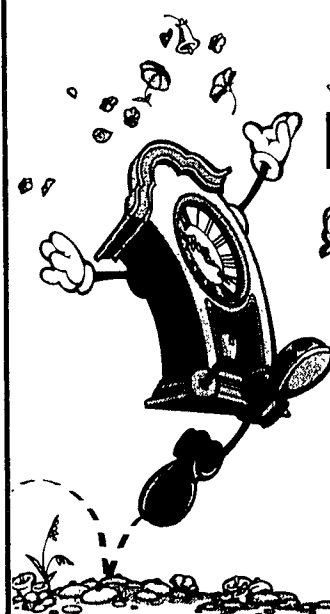
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## Maintain a Beautiful Yard With Ease

Thanks to inexpensive string trimmers or "weed whips," trimming the edge of a lawn is no longer backbreaking work.

However, it is work that homeowners can avoid, mostly by choosing maintenance-free edging materials where a lawn borders trees, flower beds, fences and foundations. Choosing the proper edging materials can knock hours off the typical homeowner's yardwork during the spring and summer months.

"Although string trimmers are easier than bending down with grass shears, letting the lawn mower cut that grass is even easier," says Jeremy Powers, a writer for national home and how-to publications. "Meticulous gardeners may spend nearly as much time with a trimmer as they do with the mower."

A distinct edge that can be mowed over without ruining the edging or the mower blade is the easiest way to keep the lawn looking good without extra work. Plastic edging meets these criteria, but requires digging and trenching to install.

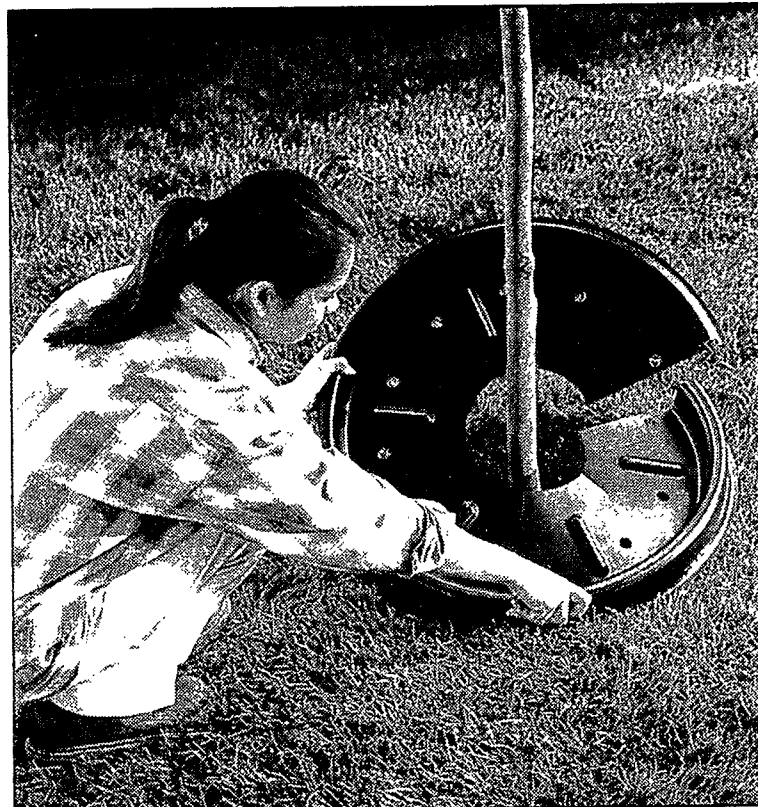
"Many plastic lawn edgings eventually work themselves out of the ground. Not only does this look terrible, but mowing over the loose edging becomes virtually impossible," Powers says.

A variety of wood products also offer mower-friendly options for edging if they are installed properly. However, even redwood and cedar lumber will rot over time where there is ground contact unless treated with a preservative.

"Green-treated lumber can look too industrial for some people," Powers says.

Brick or stone can ruin a mower blade or even the mower engine. So if it's used, make sure it is smooth on top and wide enough for the mower wheels to ride on.

"If edging material won't allow you to run the mower over it, choose a product with a shape that minimizes trimming. Any edging with little nooks and crannies, like odd-shaped stones, will



Putting an edge around trees saves yardwork time. Arbor Edge, for instance, installs in minutes and eliminates a lifetime of trimming.

make the trimming job much more time-consuming," Powers says.

The base of trees is one of the most common yard areas trimmed with "weed whips." Together, string trimmers and mowers are responsible for most of the trees that die after planting because of damage to the bark.

Unfortunately, there aren't many products for edging around individual trees, particularly younger trees that have the most fragile bark.

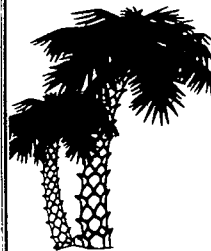
A new product, Arbor Edge, is a one-piece edging system for trees, shrubs and flagpoles that combines a circular plastic edge with a weedproof basin that holds mulch or decorative rock.

The system is designed to enable a mower wheel to ride over the plastic edge, eliminating the need for additional trimming. It is attractive, inexpensive and easy to install without trenching or staking.

Most edging products are made by numerous manufacturers and are readily available in the lawn and garden departments of several local retailers.

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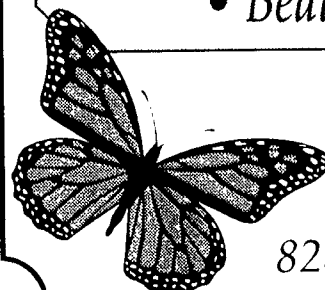
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# Advice on Using Leaf Blowers

**H**ow do you put the finishing touches on your just-mowed lawn?

Get out your trusty leaf blower. Besides moving mounds of fall leaves, it's a great tool for those finishing touches like blowing grass off pavement and dislodging matted grass, as well as a great way to save time on spring cleanup jobs like blowing leaves from around shrubs and cleaning out gutters.

When you use your leaf blower to give that extra polish to your landscape, be sure to keep neighborhood courtesy in mind. Check with your city about any ordinances that apply to hours of leaf blower use and run it at reasonable hours — not too early and not too late.

You can also reduce the sound of your leaf blower by lowering the throttle speed and by using special nozzle attachments designed to reduce sound levels even further. You'll want to read your blower's operating instructions or check with your local power equipment dealer about the availability of nozzle attachments that are appropriate for your blower model.

If you're still using that old blower you bought back in



A leaf blower is a great tool to move leaves and grass from your just-mowed lawn.

the 1980s, you may want to consider buying a new one. New advances in engine design have resulted in leaf blowers that not only run quietly, but more efficiently as well. Exhaust emissions from today's small two-cycle engines have been reduced by 90 percent from what they were as recently as 1996. In addition to engine redesign, newly designed exhaust systems and internal baffles have reduced sound levels. In some cases, new leaf blowers may be 75 percent quieter than older blowers. Today,

there are many types of leaf blowers available to meet homeowner needs from light-weight hand-held blowers to rugged backpack designs.

For more information about leaf blowers, who makes them and where to purchase them, visit the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute Web site at [www.opei.org](http://www.opei.org) and click on the "Who Makes That?" section.

## COURTESY IS IMPORTANT, BUT SAFETY SHOULD ALWAYS BE FIRST

No matter what the size of your lawn or the kind of leaf blower you have, always take care to operate it safely.

### Remember:

- Read the manual completely before operating.
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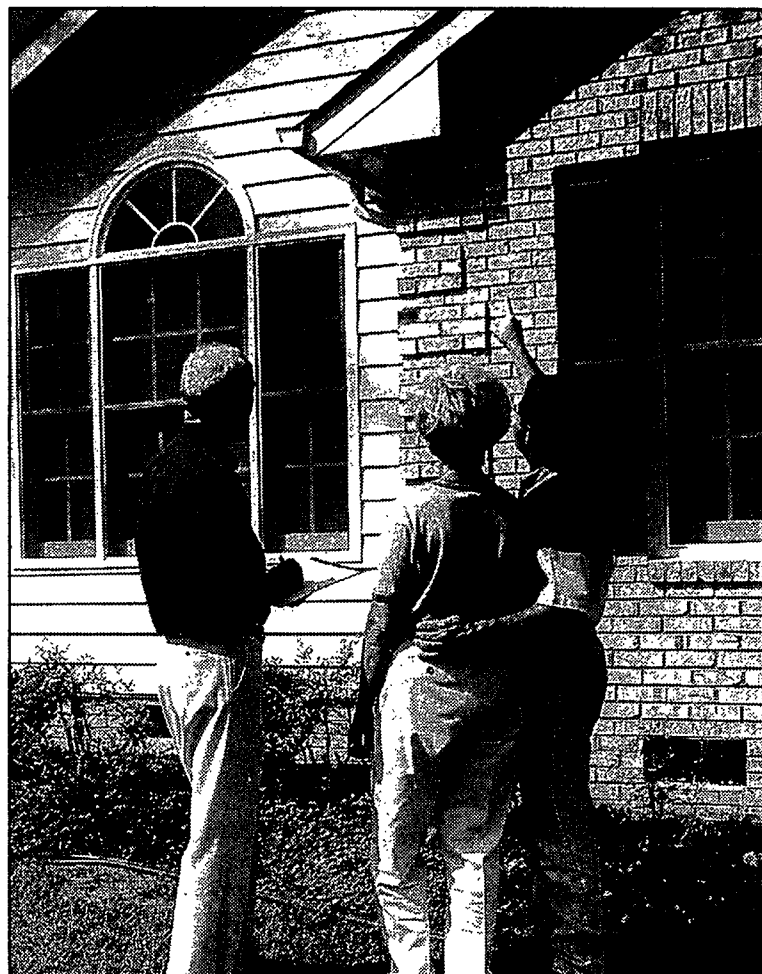
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## Know What to Look For and Ask When You Prepare to Buy a Home

**G**earing up to buy a home is exciting and scary. On the one hand, you are about to have something that is all your own, where you can live, raise a family and build a future. But, it's also a huge personal and financial commitment. Despite this, many have overcome nerves and risen to the challenge. According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the rate of U.S. homeownership was more than two-thirds during 2000, the highest rate ever.

April has been named "National Prepare To Buy a Home Month" by the National Association of

Independent Real Estate Brokers. Purchasing a home is not difficult, but you will have to give your time, energy and of course, money to the process. These tips from HUD will make preparing to buy a home seem a bit less scary.

### IN THE BEGINNING

There are many questions you should ask yourself when you are considering purchasing a home. Assess your financials: make sure you have a steady source of income, good credit and money saved for both a down payment and monthly mort-

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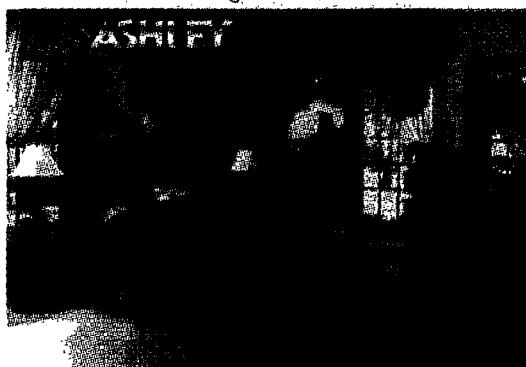
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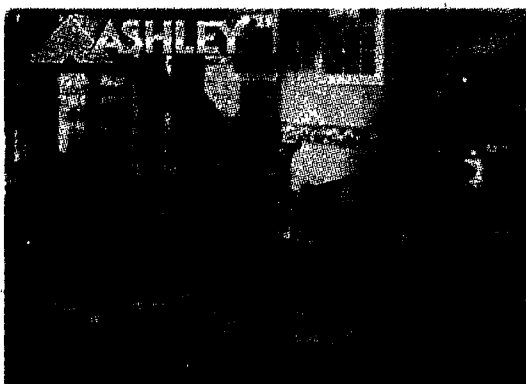
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# Save Money this Season with Easy Do-It-Yourself Landscaping Projects

Outdoor landscaping plays a vital role in enhancing the home's beauty and value; yet, for many, professional landscaping can be a pricey proposition. The good news is that there is a wide variety of landscaping projects that homeowners can do themselves. Many are easier than one may think.

## TREE PLANTING

One of the easiest and most satisfying landscape projects to try first is planting a tree. Most trees have either bareroot, or balled and burlapped root systems. The root system will determine the proper procedures for planting.

Bareroot trees are always dormant and their roots lack soil of any kind. When purchasing or receiving a bare-root tree, be sure to inspect the root system; it must be kept moist until ready to plant. Prune any damaged, rotten or discolored roots.

When getting ready to plant, dig the hole to a size that will accommodate the roots without bending, pruning, or crowding them. Build a cone of soil in the bottom of the hole, spread the roots out over the cone, and fill the hole halfway with soil that has been mixed with Miracle-Gro® Garden Soil for Trees, Shrubs and Ornamentals, which helps condition the soil for improved aeration and moisture retention. It also contains Miracle-Gro® Plant Food to get the tree off to a great start. Next, water the soil to eliminate air pockets, fill the hole completely, water again, and build a heap of soil around the hole. Be sure to stake the tree to prevent roots from being uprooted by strong winds. Then, apply mulch like Nature Scapes™ by Scotts® Color Enhanced Mulch to insulate the roots and protect against compaction. Nature Scapes™ protects your tree and maintains its vibrant color all year long. Finally, for easy feeding with no mess, use Miracle



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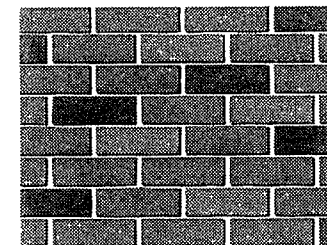
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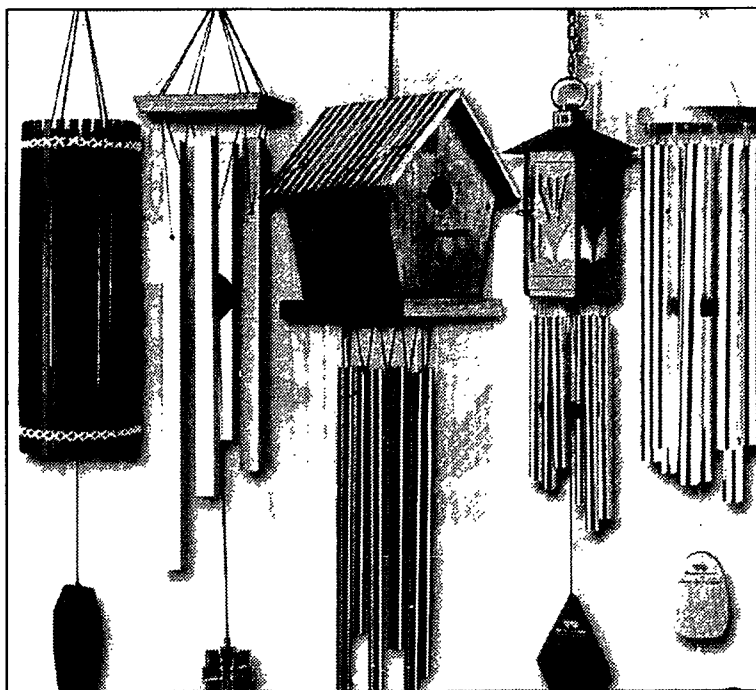
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facturers of tuned wind chimes, offers this advice on where and how to hang wind chimes:

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- Hang your chime where the wind can reach it from as many directions as possible.

- Hanging a chime underneath a porch may help protect it from the weather, but avoid hanging it within 2 feet of a wall or too close to plants, furniture or anything that might obstruct or divert the breeze.



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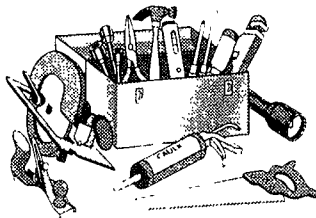
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# A Stress-Free Zone in Your Backyard

**S**tress. It's all around us, from the workplace to the front lawn and everywhere in between.

Homeowners today truly strive to make their homes into a combination castle and spa to relax and unwind after a busy day.

The trend is set to continue into the backyard, where one way you can decrease your stress level is by creating a "Stress-Free Zone" (SFZ). No matter what your space limitations are, an SFZ can create the sensation of island breezes gently rocking you while your stress seems to just melt away.

Ready to begin? The most important thing you'll need is a hammock. It's a comfortable place to kick back and put up your feet, right in your backyard. There are three basic points to consider before buying a hammock: construction quality, general styling and accessories and care.

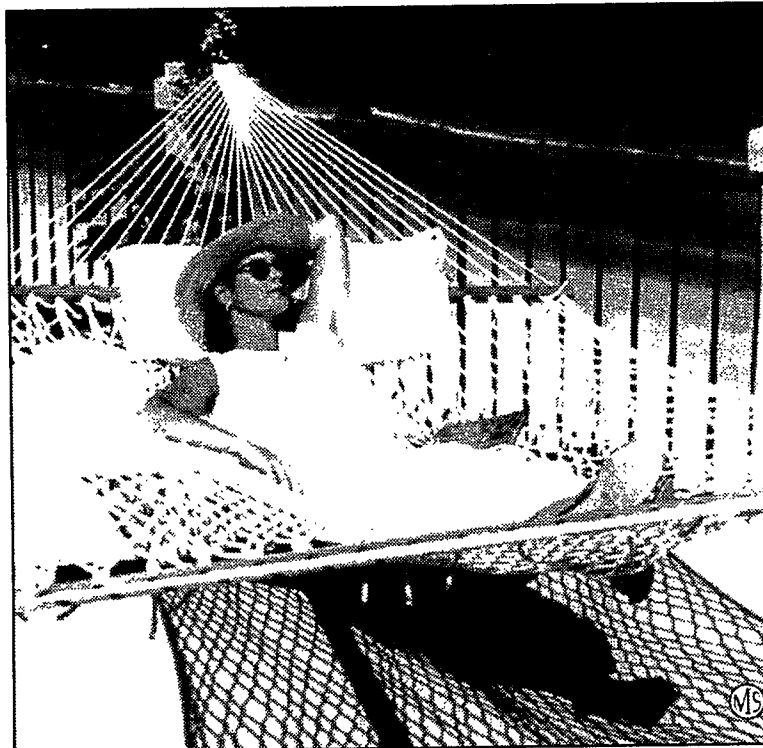
## FIND THE PERFECT HAMMOCK FOR YOUR ZONE

Construction is the most important factor because there are safety issues involved. But don't stress if you're not a hammock expert.

"Pay attention to the weight and amount of rope in the bed," says Laurie Rudd, marketing director for Hatteras Hammocks. "The more rope there is, the stronger and the more comfortable the hammock will be." Heavy-duty steel end hardware also should come with your hammock for hanging safely. Make sure the structure where you will hang it can hold the weight you plan to place inside. Most hammocks are made for two-person lounging with a weight capacity in excess of 400 pounds.

## ACCESSORIZE YOUR WAY TO RELAXATION

When it comes to relaxation, accessories are key. With the ability to be placed on any flat surface, a hammock stand opens up all kinds of opportunities for your Zone to move anywhere



**STRESSED? A HAMMOCK** like the one shown here from Hatteras Hammocks can help you relax on even the craziest of days.

that feels right. The most popular and safest stands available are made of steel and easily assemble without the need for any tools. Most hammock stands can hold 450 to 600 pounds.

The next most popular accessory is the hammock pillow. Weather-resistant fabrics are used to craft large, beautiful hammock pillows that accommodate two-person relaxing. Add to those stress-relieving features any

wheel kits, canopies, rocking kits, misters, drink holders, storage bags or portable tree straps, and you'll definitely start to feel "in the Zone."

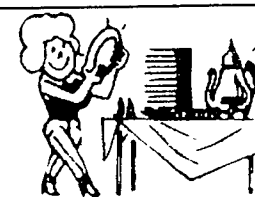
Maintaining your hammock for years to come does not have to be stressful either.

Quality hammocks are built for long life in the outdoors and easy cleanup. A mild soap solution removes most outdoor dirt while keeping it out of direct sunlight

and rain when possible also will give you years of enjoyment and stress-free relaxation.

## TAKE A DEEP BREATH

After a day at the office or in the yard, you deserve the comfort and beauty of your own surroundings. Complete your SFZ with soft music, aromatherapy and a frosty glass of lemonade. Then sit back and feel your cares slipping away on the warm breeze with each soothing sway. For more information, including how to find a Hatteras Hammocks dealer in your area, visit the Hatteras Hammocks Web site at [www.hatterashammocks.com](http://www.hatterashammocks.com).



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# Enjoy Garden-Fresh Vegetables All Year Long

**Y**ou love to garden, and spend hours outdoors lovingly caring for your fragrant flowers, gorgeous green shrubs and vibrant vegetables. After months of hard work, you reap the rewards — the seeds that you toiled over have become beautiful blossoming flora. Your garden is abloom with sweet-smelling flowers and a sea of green plants, trees and bushes. You also have plenty of fresh, home-grown vegetables that are ready to be eaten. One problem though — you've planted so many vegetables that you have no idea where to store them. What should you do? Try freezing them so you can enjoy the taste of home-grown vegetables all season long.

Following are some simple guidelines for freezing a variety of vegetables commonly grown in home gardens, courtesy of GardenGuides — a growing resource for gardeners ([www.gardenguides.com](http://www.gardenguides.com)).

**Asparagus** — Wash and remove woody portions and scales of spears. Cut into 6-inch lengths and blanch in boiling water for three minutes. Cool in iced water for three minutes. Drain. Place on trays in a single layer and freeze for 30 minutes. Pack into suitable containers, seal and label. It keeps for up to six months.

**Beets** — Freeze only young tender beets, no more than 2 inches to 3 inches across. Cook until tender and slice. Cool and transfer to plastic containers. Label. Freeze for up to six months.

**Carrots** — Wash and scrub carrots, and cut large carrots into pieces. Blanch for three minutes in boiling water. Chill in iced water for three minutes. Drain. Spread on a tray in a single layer and freeze for 30 minutes. Pack in freezer bags, remove air, label and seal. They keep for up to six months.

**Cucumbers** — Peel and chop in a food processor. Pack into plastic containers with tight-fitting lids. Label and

freeze. It keeps for up to six months.

**Eggplant** — Cut into slices, sprinkle with salt and allow to stand for 30 minutes. Drain off excess liquid, and fry gently in butter or margarine until just tender. Cool and pack into plastic containers. Seal and label. Freeze for up to three months.

**Peppers** — Wash, remove seeds and cut into slices or leave whole. Place on a tray in a single layer. Freeze for 30 minutes. Pack in freezer bags, remove air, label and seal. Freeze for up to six months.

**Squash** — Peel and cook in boiling salted water until tender. Mash, cool and pack in freezer containers, leaving room for expansion. Seal and label. Freeze for up to three months.

**Sweet potatoes** — Peel and cut into pieces. Blanch for three minutes in boiling water, then chill in iced water for three minutes. Drain and place on a tray in a single layer. Freeze for 30 minutes. Transfer to freezer bags, remove air, label and seal. They will keep for six months.

**Tomatoes** — Wash, remove stems, cut into halves or quarters, or leave whole. Dry and pack into freezer bags. Remove air, label and seal. They will keep for six months.

For whole tomatoes, dip into boiling water for one minute. Remove and peel. Place on a tray and freeze for 30 minutes. Place in plastic bags, remove air, seal and label. Freeze for up to six months.

Simmer chopped tomatoes in a pan for five minutes, or until soft. Push through a sieve or food mill to remove skins and seeds. Cool and pack in plastic containers, leaving head space. They keep for six months.

**Turnips** — Peel and trim young, tender turnips. Cut to required size and blanch for three minutes. Chill in iced water for three minutes. Drain and place on a tray in

a single layer. Freeze for 30 minutes. Transfer to freezer bags, remove air, label and seal. They will keep for six months.

**Zucchini** — Slice into 1-inch pieces without peeling. Sauté gently in a little melted butter until barely tender. Cool, pack into plastic containers, leaving head space at the top. Freeze for up to three months.

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# Top Ten Secrets to Creating a Successful Rose Garden

There is a classic Italian song, "Rose Rosse," about a young man who uses red roses to seduce a fair maiden. But she was not the first to fall prey to the potent flower; everyone from the ancient Romans to the more contemporary women in "The Bachelorette" have used roses to woo the objects of their affection. Although, the rose is nearly 35 million years old, according to fossils, it is the flower's relationship with mankind that has made its beauty timeless.

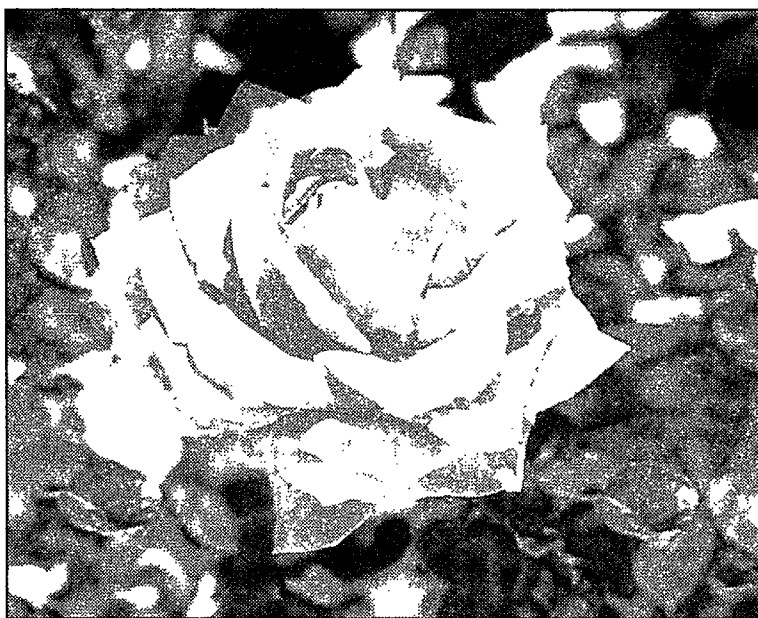
The flower has long been a favorite with royalty — emperors in 17th century Europe used the flower — from rose petal confetti at feasts to rose water baths — to flaunt their wealth. It has also been used for medicinal purposes, perfumes, even food throughout the ages.

About 5,000 years ago the Chinese began cultivating roses in gardens, and soon everyone wanted a piece of the magic for their homes. Today, nearly 25,000 people are members of the American Rose Society, an organization dedicated to promoting the rose's survival and history.

Looking to stop and smell the roses in your own backyard? These 10 secrets will help you have a garden blooming with roses in no time:

1. Ask your local nursery or garden center experts which roses grow best in your climate. Or, you can do your own research at the local library in gardening encyclopedias or online at [www.everyrose.com](http://www.everyrose.com) or The American Rose Society's Web site at [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org). If you are a novice gardener, you will want to look into disease-resistant varieties and those that require less maintenance. You can get fancier later, when your thumb is a bit greener.

2. Sunny spots with well-drained soil are the best homes for a rose garden, advises "Taylor's Master Guide to Gardening" (Houghton Mifflin Co.), by



**GROWING BEAUTIFUL ROSES in your backyard isn't as hard as you may think.**

Roger Holmes and Rita Buchanan. They need at least half a day of sun to stay healthy.

3. The ideal soil has a pH level — the amount of acid in the soil — of 5.5 to 7.0, according to the Home and Garden Showplace, a garden center in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. (Test kits are available at most garden centers or nurseries).

4. The first step to planting your rose garden is to remove soil from an area 18 to 24 inches wide and 24 inches deep. Add organic matter like manure and lime to help nourish the roots. When you're ready to actually plant your roses, soak the roots in water or puddled clay (available in most garden centers or nurseries) for several minutes. Cut off root ends that are broken or damaged — they'll be hanging by a few hairs. Check with a gardening professional or a gardening encyclopedia about how much spacing to leave between rose plants because it varies by number and variety.

5. Never leave rose plants strewn about while waiting to be planted. The roots can dry up and die if exposed to air even briefly. Instead, keep them covered with soil or water while planting the others.

6. During the first three to four weeks after planting your roses, you should water them often, whenever the top 2 inches of soil feels dry. Once that delicate period has passed, soak the bed every seven to 10 days. Be sure to water them in the morning and take care to keep the moisture off the leaves to prevent insect and fungus infestation.

7. Fertilize your new roses about three months after planting, then should put down 3 to 6 inches of mulch. Mulch helps retain moisture, control soil temperature, prevent weeds and increase nutrients.

8. Before pruning, always coat your shears in an equal parts water and bleach mixture to protect your roses against bugs and diseases.

9. Spring is the best time for planting roses. To make sure your rose garden stands out, you can plant other seasonal plants, such as spring bulbs like tulips or daffodils or low-growing summer flowers like marigolds.

10. The best rose gardens are truly treated them with tender, loving care. Take the time to take care of your new garden.

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# A 'Sweet' Addition: New Rose Astonishes Gardeners

The most unusually colored rose to come out in the last decade, 'Hot Cocoa' is a plant every gardener must grow.

This hardy floribunda rose has it all.

The flowers grow in fragrant clusters, and each bloom is large, fully double and well formed. The deep rust-colored buds open to reveal a chocolatey haze of velvet smoke tones. Lighter in hot weather, and darker in cool, 'Hot Cocoa's' flowers are always changing and always a mysterious blend of smoky colors that defy description. And unlike some novel roses of the past, 'Hot Cocoa's' range of colors is universally appealing. In other words, you'll love it.

Not only is the smoky chocolate orange color amazing, 'Hot Cocoa' is a plant so exceptional that you'd want to grow it even if it didn't have flowers. The foliage is deep green and so glossy it looks as if someone shined

each leaf individually.

Great flowers, super foliage — that's enough, right? Wrong.

The 'Hot Cocoa' plant is so disease resistant that it was unaffected by last season's insidious nationwide blackspot epidemic.

Naturally disease resistant, 'Hot Cocoa' can remain blackspot free without spraying, from early spring right through early fall. This, of course, makes 'Hot Cocoa' exceptionally easy to grow. Just a little water and fertilizer keeps this plant vigorous and free blooming all season long.

It's excellent as a cut flower, but 'Hot Cocoa' really shines in the garden where its glossy foliage draws the eye to the ever-present multitude of blooms.

It's a spectacular bedding plant or an outstanding addition to the perennial border. It is also a wonderful container plant.

'Hot Cocoa' is a 2003 All-

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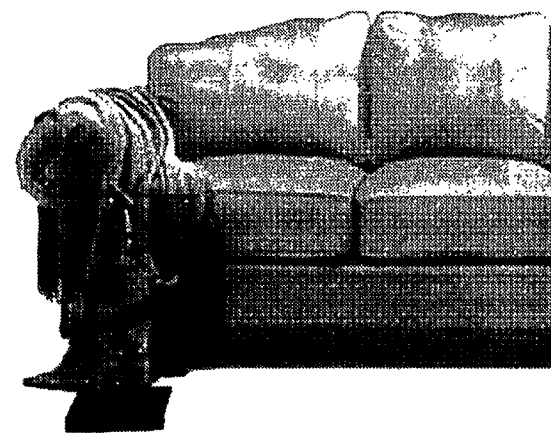
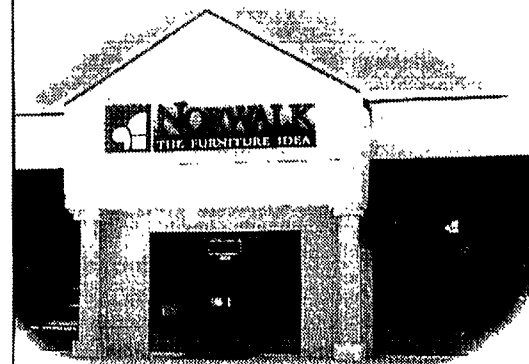
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## Safety

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repair it yourself. Return the product or have a qualified repair shop examine it.

- Keep your clothing, hands and feet away from cutting blades at all times. Never wear jewelry when working with tools. Always wear safety glasses.

- Pay attention to warning markings. Don't allow tools to get wet unless they are labeled immersible. When using tools outside, make sure they are appropriate for outdoor use.

- Use only properly rated outdoor extension cords with outdoor electrical tools. Make sure power tool or garden appliance is off before plugging it in. Keep the cord away from heat, oil and sharp edges.

- Unplug all portable electrically operated power tools when not in use. These tools contain electricity even when turned off but still plugged in.

- Use and store power tools and garden appliances away from water sources to avoid electric shock. Never use power tools and appliances in the rain.

- Have a qualified technician install ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) receptacles in all outdoor outlets. Test your GFCIs monthly.

- Never carry an appliance by the cord. Always grasp the plug — not the wire, before removing a cord from a receptacle.

### Power Saws

- A blade guard is a necessity. Buy a saw with the guard you feel most comfortable using, and keep it on at all times. Some types, such as sabre saws, cannot be designed with a guard; be especially careful to avoid contact with the blade. Before operating saws with guards, make sure they are in place and working properly.

- Make sure the power saw is off before plugging it in. When you are finished, turn off the motor. Make sure the blade is stopped and unplugged before cleaning around the saw.

- Always wait for the saw blade to stop before pulling away from a cut to avoid kickback. Kickback can occur when the blade jams or binds in the wood and throws the saw toward the operator (portable power saws) or the wood toward the operator (stationary equipment).

- While operating the saw, keep the cord away from the cutting area and position it so that it will not be caught on the work

piece.

- Make sure you use the right saw for the task. For example, don't use a circular saw for cutting tree limbs or logs. A chain saw is the appropriate tool in this case.

- A properly sharpened saw blade provides better and safer performance. Sharp blades minimize stalling and kickback. Saw blades that are chipped, bent, or damaged should be discarded immediately.

- Use clamps or a vise to hold work in place.

- Keep children away from the work area and equipment at all times.

- Use rubber or other non-slip matting around the work area to prevent trips and falls. Keep the floor clean.

- Don't wear watches, bracelets and long sleeves while cutting. They can get caught in the saw's moving parts.

- If you need to use an extension cord with your saw, make sure it's in good condition and is heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw.

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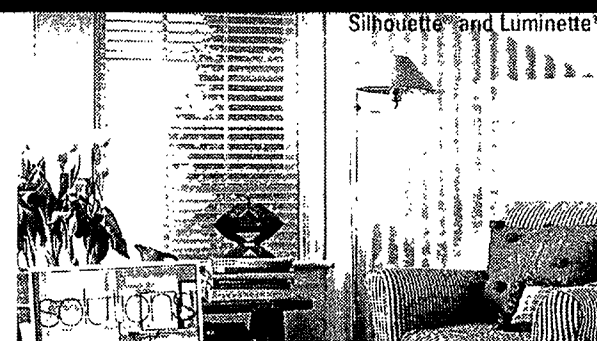
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A good primer to help you navigate through the process is "Home Buying for Dummies" (John Wiley & Sons) by Eric Tyson and Ray Brown. It will help you with issues such as how to research neighborhoods and home values and select the best mortgage.

As you visit homes, make a checklist to see if all the homes have sufficient bedrooms, bathrooms, storage

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# Deadheading Your Flowers Promotes Beautiful Blooms

A great way to promote a continuous blooming garden is to deadhead regularly. Deadheading is the practice of trimming off spent flowers and it helps your garden in two ways: it helps get rid of old, dying blooms, making your garden tidier, and it encourages plants to bloom again, so you can get more color out of each plant. When blooms start to fade, brown, curl or otherwise look unattractive, that's the time to trim them off, allowing the other flowers to shine. Deadheading also keeps plants from setting seed, which also promotes flowering all season long and helps to reduce disease problems.

You can deadhead throughout the season as blooms die as well as after the blooming season for each plant. Use sharp shears to make strong, clean cuts without ragged edges. A particularly good tool for this work is the Comfort Grip™ Floral



**KEEP YOUR FLOWERS** fresh and beautiful all season long by deadheading, or trimming, spent blooms.

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with low-hanging branches, gently lift the branches and spread it completely around the base of the plants. For seeded flowers and vegetables, wait until seeds germinate and plants have started to develop before applying mulch. Apply 2 to 4 inches of mulch, depending on the size of the plants.

For smaller annuals or seeded plants, apply the lesser amount, but cover the soil

surface. Yearly additions of smaller amounts will replenish the mulch and improve its appearance. However, avoid piling mulch directly against the bark of trees as this may encourage insects and bark decay. Also avoid direct contact with house foundations or wood structures. Nature Scapes™ is available in three colors: Classic Black, Sierra Red, and Deep Forrest Brown,

offering the perfect aesthetic complement for any landscape.

Planting trees and proper mulching are just two landscaping projects that are ideal for do-it-yourselfers who want to increase the beauty and value of property while avoiding the cost of a professional landscaper. For more gardening tips, visit [miracle-gro.com](http://miracle-gro.com) or [scotts.com](http://scotts.com).

## Did You Know?

According to the lawn experts at Scotts, the best time to water your lawn is between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. However, if this is not possible, afternoon waterings are okay. Lawn diseases are more apt to be a problem when the sun is absent, so avoid evening waterings. Contrary to popular belief, watering the lawn during daylight hours does not cause the grass to burn. In fact, the water cools the lawn and helps protect it against the harsh, hot summer sun.

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**DON'T LET ALLERGIES** stop you from enjoying all the season has to offer.

## Keep Your Allergies at Bay This Spring

For people with allergies, a lawn or a garden can be synonymous with itchy eyes, constant sneezing and a scratchy throat. Green thumbs and outdoor enthusiasts either take these health setbacks as a spring rite of passage or stay indoors to avoid feeling ill. But there are ways to lessen the pain. These tips from health experts should do the trick. That way, allergy sufferers can enjoy the spring season outside without just looking at it through a window.

- Watch when you go outdoors. Pollen counts are higher in the afternoon in the spring and in the early morn-

ing in the fall. They are also lower during and right after rainfall or on cool, cloudy days.

- If going outside, pretreat yourself with antihistamines or nasal sprays.

- Change your clothes and shower after working outdoors. You can even have special clothing or shoes for gardening or outdoor activities.

- Avoid wearing heavy perfumes or colognes when outdoors.

- Keep windows closed in your home. Avoid using window or attic fans, which can bring pollen indoors.

- Do not dry clothes outside — pollen can get trapped in clothing.

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